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## BENES GIVES WAY TO REDS

### Communists Complete Seizure Of Power In Czechoslovakia: Tension High LAST OBSTACLE REMOVED

#### O.C. Police Wounded

Mr. Cheng Tuk, O.C. Police in Lap-Sap-Mei (Chinese Territory) was admitted to Kowloon Hospital at a very late hour last night suffering from a gunshot wound on his right side. It is reported that he had been shot by a body-guard of a former Police Chief a week ago.

#### EWO MAN KILLED BY ROBBERS

Shanghai, Feb. 25. Karl Renner, 60-year-old Austrian chief brew-master of the British-owned Ewo Breweries was killed when he was shot in the chest by robbers last night when he was in his quarters inside the plant. Death is believed to have been caused by a fractured skull as a result of a heavy blow on the head with a sharp weapon. The robbers escaped with jewellery and money.

#### The Blonde Danger

London, Feb. 24. Brigadier General G. W. Richards, General Officer Commanding, North Midlands District, speaking to recruits at a passing out parade at Lincoln today, told them they will shortly be going to Europe and declared: "Beware of the platinum blonde who is always just around the corner in Germany."

## U.S. Dollar Rate Touches 6.10

Heavy clandestine remittances to the United States, coupled with continued persistent rumours of an imminent devaluation of sterling, sent the U.S. dollar at one time yesterday up to HK\$6.10 for one American dollar in Hong Kong's "open market." The price of gold followed suit.

Referring to the sterling and Hong Kong dollar devaluation rumours, a Government spokesman reiterated emphatically yesterday that "there is no more truth in this rumour than in similar ones in the past, which arise periodically in the form of rumours of speculation."

The inevitable demand for gold and for the U.S. dollar to buy gold have kept both in a non-stop spiral since the beginning of the week.

"Gold went up to \$372 a tael yesterday after a hectic session in the morning, which opened at \$367. In the afternoon profit-taking brought the price down temporarily to \$365.50 at which rate the market closed."

U.S. dollars spurred to \$5.95 for notes and demand drafts, and \$4.10 for T.T. Demand was still unaffected by the close of the market. Pounds were ignored, and were quoted nominal at \$12.00 for 100.

Chinese National Currency opened at the all-time low of 165 cents for futures and 17 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000) but appreciated to 19 cents for both by the close.

"Pounds dropped again to \$25.50."

#### ON OTHER PAGES

### Remittances From HK To Be Banned

Nanking, Feb. 25. Instructions have been issued by the Ministry of Finance that with the exception of appointed banks, remittances from Hong Kong to this country in Chinese national dollars by any bank and the payment that might be effected in the country by a bank on behalf of any individual or concern in the British Colony or Macao will be prohibited.

The plan has been adopted by the Ministry to prevent illegal transactions and to absorb remittances from abroad.

Central News in Hong Kong learned that native banks have been accepting T.T. remittances to Shanghai through a "semi-legal" practice of secretly forwarding T.T. orders from the Colony to Canton from where remittances were legally dispatched to Shanghai by cable.

Remittances from Canton to Shanghai through the same channel have also been banned.

It is understood that the ban will be enforced from March 1.

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Prague, Feb. 25.

The Czech Government Radio announces that President Eduard Benes bowed today before Communist demands; this indicates the removal of the last obstacle to iron Communist control of all Czechoslovakia.

The radio, now in Communist hands, said the President had accepted the resignations of 12 anti-Communist Ministers from the Coalition Cabinet. This would clear the way for the Communist seizure of complete power.

The President's office declined to make any statement immediately but did not deny the report. Communist Premier Klement Gottwald went to the President's Palace to present a list of Ministers for a new Cabinet.

The Communists clamped a grip on communications as the coup rushed to a climax. Nowhere, now, do the opposition parties have a chance to oppose Gottwald publicly.

Immediately after the announcement that the President had capitulated, the Government Radio broadcast a proclamation by the Social Democratic Party, key party in the crisis, denying a split in its ranks.

**Balance Of Power**  
Former Premier Zdenek Fierlinger, who was once Ambassador to Russia, has returned to power as leader of the Social Democratic Party.

Fierlinger was ousted from the Party leadership last November when he insisted on continuing alliance with the Communist-Associated Press.

In the offices of the National Socialist Party whose headquarters were seized and searched on Monday, 10 armed police were stationed. Most of the party's secretariat staff was back at work. The police were there as a defence guard, they said, adding that similar guards were on duty at the Communist party

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**TO JOIN INDIA**

New Delhi, Feb. 24.

Junagadh, the Indian State with a population of 800,000 in the Kathiawar Peninsula, north of Bombay, has voted by 190,779 votes to 91 in favour of accession to India, according to referendum figures issued here today.

—Reuter.

At 1400 GMT it was learned Prague newspapers have been instructed to prepare for publication a Cabinet list including 11 or 12 Communists, four Social Democrats, two Left Wing National Socialists, two Left Wing People's Party, one Slovak Democratic and two present non-party Ministers (Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk and National Defence Minister General Ludvik Svoboda).

Dr. Benes still has not announced acceptance of Gottwald's Cabinet.

The proposed list includes Gottwald as Premier and three Deputy Premiers (Social Demo-

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**No Loan?**

Washington, Feb. 24.

A Communist seizure of power in Czechoslovakia would probably result in the loss of a proposed US \$250,000,000 loan from the World Bank, a well-informed international economic expert said here today.

—Reuter.

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**Japanese Bring Back A Ship**

The s.s. Carmen Moller, seized by the Japanese when the Pacific war broke out, returned to Hong Kong yesterday with a Japanese crew of 37 including Captain Elia Fujimoto.

The property of Messrs. Moller (Hong Kong), Ltd., the ship is to be formally handed over to a representative of the British Ministry of Shipping and eventually will go back to the original owners.

The Japanese crew is at present accommodated in a dormitory of No. 5 War Crimes Court at East Point.

They are scheduled to return to Japan by a British ship in two weeks.

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—United Press.

## Russians Return A Tanker

Believed to be the first Lease-Lend merchant ship to be returned by Russia to the United States, a T-2 Tanker, to be renamed "Pioneer Valley," will shortly be handed over in Hong Kong to representatives of the United States Maritime Commission.

Captain Edward E. Butler and his crew of 40 American merchant seamen arrived in Hong Kong yesterday to take over the ship, which came here from Vladivostok in mid-January. The new crew are employed by the American President Lines, who are to operate the tanker on behalf of the U.S. Maritime Commission.

If, on inspection, the tanker is found to be in good working condition, she will sail from Hong Kong to the Persian Gulf to load oil for New York. If not, she will proceed to Pearl Harbour for docking and refitting.

She was built by the Kaiser shipbuilding yard in Portland, Oregon, at a cost of US\$2,000,000.

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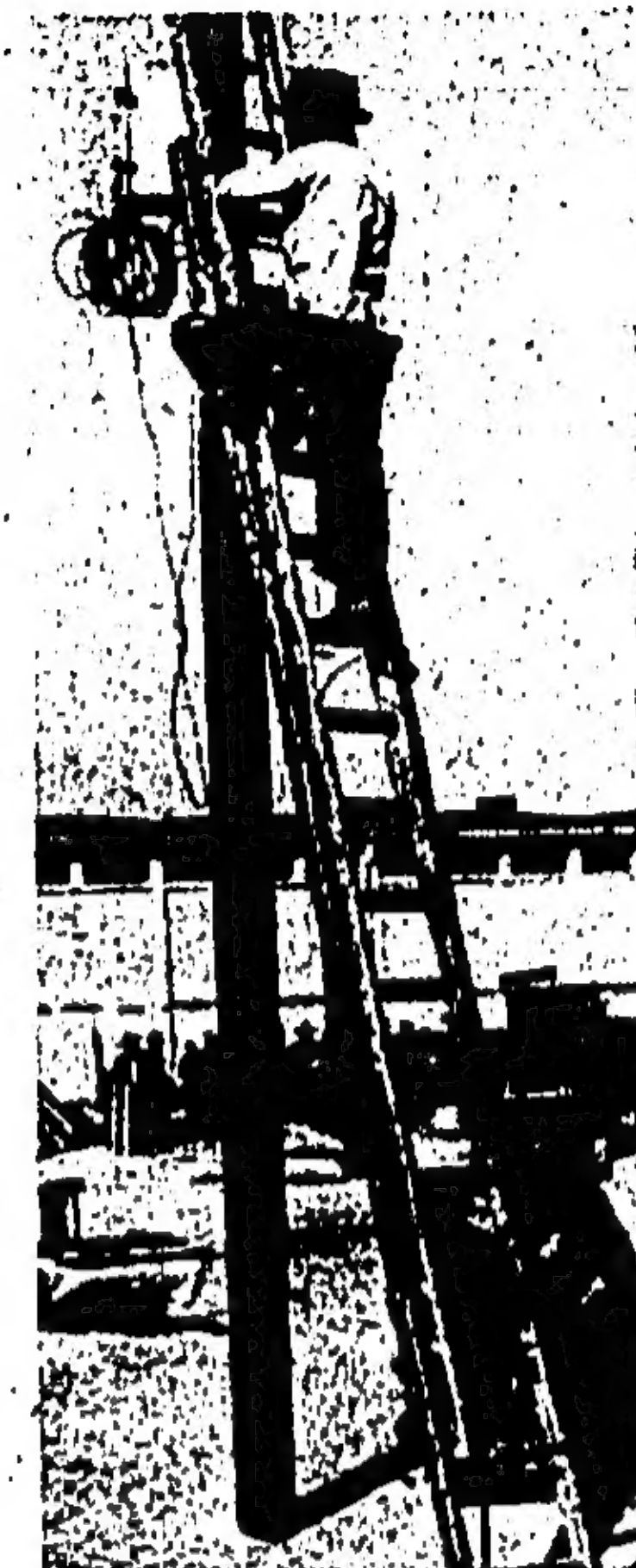
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## Pliers, Please



Extensive use by the telephone company of underground cables makes this a rare sight in Hong Kong. A repair expert getting to work in Kowloon. (China Mail photo).

## "Chinese Bottoms Only" Report Denied

Shanghai, Feb. 25. The Government-controlled China Merchants Shipping Company today denied a published report that it has been ordered by the Ministry of Communications to exclude foreign vessels in handling any exports from China.

It admitted, however, that it has been requested by the Ministry to step up its own volume of Chinese export cargo which is less profitable than inland traffic.

An earlier report said that the Ministry had ruled that in the future only Chinese ships may carry exports leaving China, which would mean that foreign vessels would be forced to leave China ports with no cargo except that consigned for other destinations and picked up before coming to China.

However, the China Merchants, which private Chinese shipping interests charge with seizing a monopoly on inland trade, has been requested by the Government, it said, to transfer some of its vessels from inland shipping to foreign export runs, thus giving an opportunity to private lines to move in and take up some profitable inland freight business.

—United Press.

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## 30,000 Japs Did NOT Lick 100,000 Britons

### ...Says General Percival

London, Feb. 25. Lieutenant-General Arthur Percival, former Commander-in-Chief Malaya, expressed the opinion that Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister, was "misled" when saying at a secret session in Parliament that "100,000 British surrendered to 30,000 Japanese," according to an interview reported in today's "Daily Mail."

General Percival was commenting on his dispatch on the Malayan campaign, which is to be published on Friday.

According to an interview with the "Daily Mail" reporter, Alan Humphreys, General Percival said:

"The main thing I want to bring out is justice to the troops. That has not been done and I know they feel very keenly about it."

"Last year, an account was published in America of a secret session of Parliament at which Mr. Winston Churchill stated that '100,000 British surrendered to 30,000 Japanese.'"

"I believe that Mr. Churchill had been misled—but the statement was officially contradicted. 'When I came back to this country, I asked the War Office how many troops the Japanese had in Malaya. After two days' digging into records, they told me '40,000. The total number was actually about 200,000.'"

—Reuter.

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**No Loss Of Morale**

"General Wavell's report (published today) says that there was a loss of morale. Brigades were shattered and all their transport lost. But it was not a loss of morale. It was sheer fatigue. They fought each day and moved each night and this went on and on."

"The mind simply cannot function quickly enough after that. The Japanese had a very much greater strength. They put fresh troops in every 36 hours. It was the same tired men who had to oppose them."

—Reuter.

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**MURDER REWARD**

Tehran, Feb. 24.

The Shah of Persia is offering a reward of 500,000 rials (about £4,000) to the person finding the murderer of Mohammed Masoud, editor of the Persian weekly journal, "Mard Em Rookh," who was found shot dead on February 12, according to press reports here today.

Mr. Alfred Holland, Tehran correspondent of "The Times," who left yesterday on a Government expulsion order, was alleged to have sent a "biased and untrue" message of the Masoud murder. — Reuter.

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## The Army Estimates

London, Feb. 25. Expenditure on the Army in 1948-49 will be cut by £83,000,000 to £305,000,000, official army estimates showed today. The estimates show a cut in the gross annual cost of the Army of over £320,000,000 — sixty per cent — in the last two years.

The statement said that it is hoped that the reduction of German prisoners of war from Britain will be completed by July, 1948 and from the Middle East by October, 1948. — Reuter.

## Trap For Cable Thieves

For some time past underground cable laid by the Army in various parts of the island has been consistently dug up and often at night time. This has meant not only much extra work for the Royal Signals, but has been expensive and inconvenient to the military.

The cable itself is of little value to the thieves but the copper wire and lead inside the cable can be sold at a high price.

To counteract this persistent thieving, the Royal Signals have invented an ingenious alarm system, which, although it has only been in use for the past few weeks, has already resulted in the capture of four would-be cable thieves.

This alarm system is an apparatus situated in the wireless room of H.Q. Land Force, which registers when a cable is cut anywhere in the Colony and also gives the approximate vicinity in which the cable has been cut. This information is immediately flashed to the nearest police station from where patrols are sent out to round up the thieves.

## Franco To Clean Up His Cabinet

Madrid, Feb. 24.

Well-informed political sources said today that Generalissimo Franco is seriously contemplating a sweeping Cabinet shakeup shortly.

Source said that the changes would affect almost all portfolios, possibly with only the exception of the Foreign Affairs.

The efforts of the new Government will be directed at Spain's eventual inclusion in the European recovery programme. — United Press.

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**MILLION C.N. DOLLARS  
TO 3 U.S. DOLLARS**

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

A million Chinese dollars was worth about three American dollars on the Black Market today. Widespread but completely unconfirmed rumours of a possible Government reshuffle caused confusion and spiralling prices on financial exchanges.

Following the recent loosening of control on the price of rice, China's staple food item touched CN\$3,000,000 per 139 lb. picul—a 100 per cent jump in less than a month.

The tempo of China's inflation is picking up speed. A month ago, one United States dollar was worth CN\$160,000—half of today's Black Market quotation. Five days ago, it was 200,000. Today it was quoted around 310,000.

Dispatches from North China, South China and other interior points report uneasiness among the Chinese populace as retail price tags on all essential commodities are revised upwards every day. In some cases, prices change in a matter of hours.

The latest spiral of China's bloated currency followed loosening of controls in Shanghai. Mayor K.C. Wu lifted the ceiling on the rice price on Monday following a "gentleman's agreement" with dealers.

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## AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HERE ON GLOBE-CIRCLING FLIGHT

### No Laichikok Tannery

It was officially announced yesterday that the application for erecting a tannery at Laichikok, which is within the Harbour limits, has been withdrawn.

The application, it was disclosed officially two days ago, had been under consideration by the District Officer, New Territories.

### Readers' Letters

#### Immigration

Sir—Although I have not spoken to Mr. Woodhead, since his article appeared in the "Sunday Herald", I would like to state what impression it conveyed.

As you are aware with the new treaty, the British Government surrendered "Extraterritoriality in China" but there was no provision for the continued "free immigration" of all Chinese to this Colony and Malaysia. On the other hand all Britishers have since been forced to obtain a Chinese "visa" (with certain restrictions in many cases) and this has undoubtedly left the door open for many unpleasant problems.

The fact, however, remains that most of the treaties signed by the British Government contain the "most favoured nation" clause. Consequently there is nothing to prevent any of the foreign powers demanding for their nationals the same facilities and treatment as is continued to be accorded to the Chinese in entering Hong Kong.

It might be possible for Mr. "Hu Shih" to take a long view and remember that once the Japanese have a "treaty" they will without any question of doubt demand the same rights as are now claimed for the Chinese; but it is to be hoped that the Japanese will be restricted, as far as possible, if the situation is not complicated.

X. Y. Z.

### DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ILLEGAL

Dr. Ha Yuk-wan, of No. 806, King's Road, appeared at Central Magistrate yesterday to answer a summons for leaving his car unattended at Connaught Road, Central, near Baker Pier, on Jan. 22.

Dr. Ha, pleading guilty, said he did not know it was illegal. Many other cars were picked there.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada cautioned defendant.

The Atlas Sky Merchant plane, carrying ten American businessmen on a globe-circling flight, arrived at Kai Tak airport just before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, an hour ahead of schedule.

Carrying out a world marketing survey, the businessmen expect to be in Hong Kong until Friday, when they will leave for Shanghai, Nanking, Peiping and Tokyo. During their stay here, the visitors will meet Government officials and leading businessmen.

The American party is travelling in a Douglas DC-4, nicknamed the "Atlas Sky Merchant," which was specially fitted for the 100-day trip that began at Miami, Florida on Jan. 21. The plane is scheduled to complete its 45,000-mile journey at New York in late April.

Executives of the China Division, Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., met the plane and include Mr. B. L. Meyer, General Manager, Mr. R. R. Pearson, Hong Kong Territory Manager, Mr. G. W. Behrman, Mr. W. C. Watson, Canton Territory Manager, Mr. H. W. Mills, Mr. W. G. Long, Mr. G. C. Farrier, Jr., and Mr. P. C. Young.

Mr. F. H. Bedford, Jr., President of the Atlas Supply Company, disclosed on arrival that he and his associates are particularly anxious to see for themselves what business conditions are like in China and other countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

#### World Tour

To date, the Sky Merchant has stopped in Recife, Monrovia, Leopoldville, Johannesburg, Capetown, Nairobi, Khartoum, Cairo, Dahan, Karachi, New Delhi, Bombay, Bangalore, Travancore, Colombo, Calcutta, Bangkok and Saigon. After leaving Hong Kong it will continue to Shanghai, Nanking, Peiping, Tokyo, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Batavia, Palembang, Darwin, Melbourne, Sydney, and Auckland before returning to the United States via Honolulu and San Francisco.

"We are extremely fortunate in having this opportunity to survey the situation in post-war Hong Kong," Mr. Bedford said. "It will be helpful to us in our efforts to contribute towards an expansion of trade between our countries, a better understanding of your problems, and closer cooperation toward the more peaceful world which we all hope to see."

## NEW BILLS BEFORE COUNCIL

Three new Bills were read for the first time in Legislative Council yesterday.

Introducing the first Bill, an Ordinance, to amend further the Dangerous Drug Ordinance 1935, the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said its purpose is to include a provision against the cultivation of the opium poppy, with ancillary provision for the seizure and uprooting of opium poppy if found in cultivation. Such prohibition does not obtain in the principal Ordinance.

Opportunity had also been taken, said Mr. Griffin, to amend the penalty provision of the principal Ordinance by providing for substantial penalties upon conviction summarily or on indictment.

The second Bill is the Ordinance to amend the Forestry Ordinance 1937 which, the Attorney-General explained, is to give effect to the fact that the Forestry Department has now become separated from the Forestry and Botanical Department. Here again the opportunity had been taken to provide for an increase in penalties for contravention of the Forestry Ordinance.

Explaining the third Bill, the Ordinance to amend the Defence (Firing Areas) Ordinance 1936, the Attorney-General said its purpose was to effect a reduction in the number of firing areas from five to two. The Bill also contains ancillary provisions for proper warning to be given when artillery practice is about to take place in such firing areas.

All three Bills were seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) and unanimously carried.

## Motion On Franc Rate Suspended

### Reminders

**Today**  
Men's Annual General Meeting, Catholic Club, Queen's Road, Central, 7.30 p.m.  
Private Art Exhibition by Mr. Kam-Shek Kan, St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.  
Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Annual General Meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.  
St. John's University Alumni Association, Annual Dinner Meeting, Chinese Recreation Club, 7.30 p.m.  
Q.B. Piggery Ltd., Extraordinary meeting, 5, Queen's Rd., Central, 2nd floor, 12 noon.  
Guest Night & Supper Dance, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

#### Coming Events

**FRIDAY**  
Humphreys & Estate Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 12 noon.  
Queen's College Annual Sports, Caroline Hill, starting at 1.30 p.m.  
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Metallurgy" by Mr. P. B. Parks, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Tee meeting, talk on "Labour Problems of Hong Kong", by Mr. K. Baker, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.

## Had To Drag Her To The Van

"I'm quite satisfied with the evidence before me and the manner in which you acquired your 'beliefs'. It is clearly a compounded allegation of assault," Mr. F. X. d'Almada told a 35-year-old woman hawker at Central Magistrate yesterday.

Lau Sim, charged with obstruction and hawking without a licence, alleged that she was hit on the chest and hip and suffered bruises on her body.

PC 168 told the Court that at 9 a.m. on Tuesday he arrested Lau in Tong Street. Lau struggled so violently that he had to drag her along to the Police van. He showed marks on his hands where defendant had scratched and bit in the course of the struggle.

When bitten, he released one hand and the woman escaped but he re-arrested her. It was drizzling and they both slipped. The woman fell prone on the ground. He pulled her up and explained that he was arresting her and that she must not resist, but she still struggled. Witnesses said nobody had hit her.

Defendant denied that she attacked and resisted the constable's evidence. She alleged that she was hawking and that she was being pushed by the constable when arrested. She alleged that the constable attacked her when she was arrested and that she was hit on the head and body.

## Detective Saw An "Old Friend"

Chinese detective 1090 was on patrol duty with four of his colleagues in the Shamahupo C.I.D. at Nathan Road on Feb. 23 when he recognised an "old friend" who had passed through his hands a couple of times.

The Jan-tan was seen behaving in a very suspicious manner and the Police party decided to go up to the suspects. The five men ran off and were arrested after a short chase.

Inquiries revealed that all of them had either been expelled or banished from the Colony after having been convicted a couple of times.

The above was related to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr by Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts when Wong Pui (23), Kwok Ching-tung alias Wong Tak-wah (18), and Wong Wang-yuk (18) were charged with loitering at Nathan Road.

First accused, who was additionally charged with being a member of the Yee Wo Triad Society and with breach of an expulsion order, was sentenced to three months' hard labour on the loitering count, six months on the triad society charge, and six weeks on the breach of expulsion order charge, consecutively. He had three previous convictions.

**Life Banishes**  
Kwok, a life banishes with two previous convictions, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for loitering and one year for returning from banishment, consecutively.

Wong, with three previous convictions and was expelled, was given three months' hard labour on the loitering count, six months for being a member of the Shing Wo Triad Society, and six weeks for breach of the expulsion order.

All defendants were further recommended for banishment.

**Juveniles**  
In the Juvenile Court, the 16-year-old youth was sentenced to three months' simple imprisonment, 12 strokes of the cane, and recommended for banishment on the charges of loitering and breach of expulsion order.

The other youth, aged 15, was given 12 months' simple imprisonment, 12 strokes of the cane, and recommended for banishment on loitering and breach of deportation order.

Appearing before the same Magistrate, Chung Man (23) was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended to be banished for returning to the Colony after he had been banished for life on Oct. 7 last.

Arrested by Det. Cpl. 149 at Reclamation Street near Nelson Street at 12.10 a.m. on Feb. 24, Siu Ping-kwan (21), tailor, was found to have three previous convictions and banished for life on Sept. 16, last, said Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth.

Siu was sentenced by Mr. Blair-Kerr to a year's hard labour and recommended to be banished.

## Who Is She?

The Yaumati C.I.D. office is anxious to contact the Chinese female who had her gold-plated wristwatch snatched about 1 p.m. on Feb. 12 at Sal Yee Street by a Chinese man.

Chau Hung alias Tsai Chai (Little Son), 27, the man in question, was sentenced to a total of two years and two months' hard labour, 12 strokes of the cane, and recommended for re-banishment by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The charges against him were larceny from the person of the watch, being a member of the Shing Wo Triad Society, and breach of deportation order (for life) dated Dec. 19 last.

The St. John's Ambulance Brigade Officers' Club's Chinese New Year Dinner Party will be held at the Brigade Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Mr. K. Baker, Labour Adviser attached to the Commissioner of Labour's office, will speak on "Labour Problems of Hong Kong" at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Tee H. Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road.

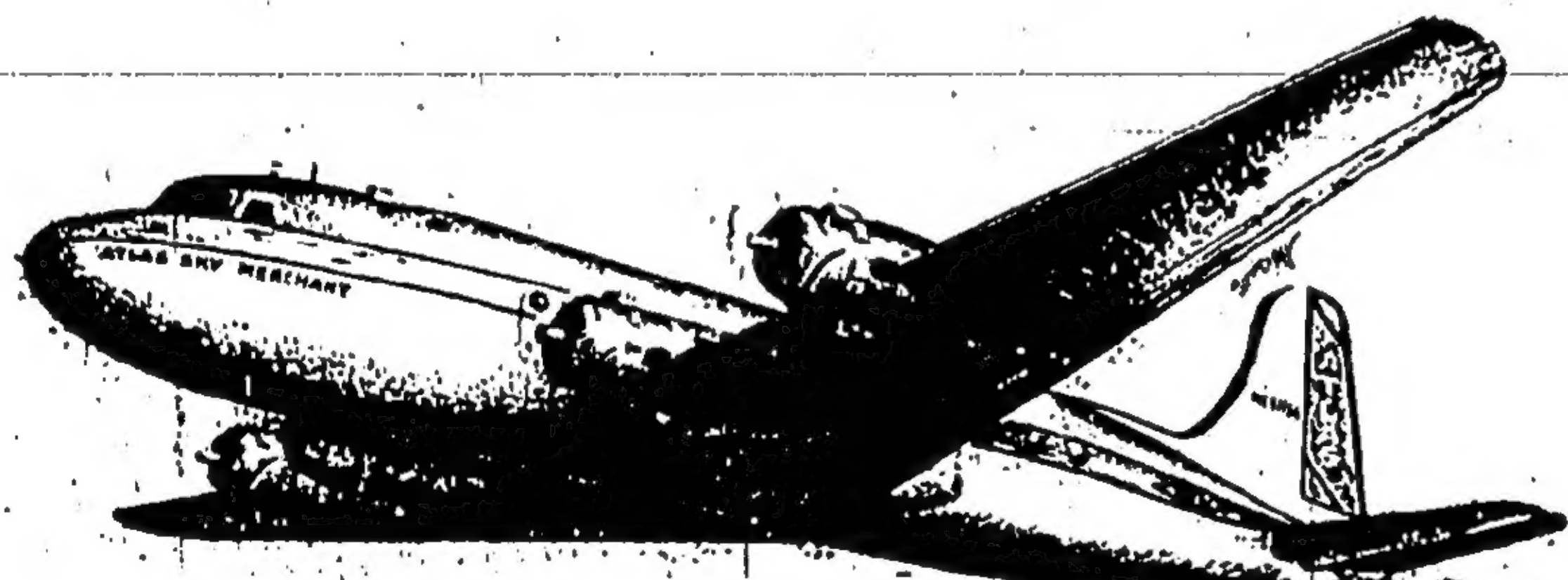
On Sunday, the weekly concert of recorded music will be held at 8.30 p.m. at Tee H. Club.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel include Mr. R. C. Titus, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldschmidt, and Mr. N. A. Bogdan.

On the eve of Brigadier C.I.V. Jones' departure from the Colony, the Garrison Warrant Officers and Sergeants of Sham Shui Po gave a farewell dance last Saturday in their Mess.

Brigadier Jones is taking up an appointment in Malaya and he and his family are leaving on the Devonshire. His successor is Brigadier H. A. Skone DSO, a Gurkha Officer, who has already arrived in the Colony from England.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. William Martin Simmons, banker, residing at the Hong Kong Club, to Mrs. Racy Gordon, authoress, en route by President Cleveland, is announced.



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## Magistrate Frowns: "Too Much Of A Coincidence"

Written judgment was delivered by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in the case in which two firms were summoned by Chan Woo-yin of the Man Fong Hardware Factory, 382-384 Laichikok Road, ground floor, (represented by Mr. F. C. Woo) for possession of belts and cartons in which false trade descriptions had allegedly been applied.

The defendants were Chan Chiu of the Mee Kiu firm, 128 Apilo Street, ground floor, and Chung Ching-nam, managing partner of the Chung Nam Co., 90 Ko Shing Street.

The summonses alleged that the first defendant was in possession of belts and cartons to which the trade mark "Palm Brand" and the name "Man Fong Hardware Factory" had been falsely applied.

Second defendant was alleged to have caused the false trade mark and trade description to be applied.

Ordering the confiscation of the belts and cartons (valued at \$3,000) seized from the first defendant, Mr. Blair-Kerr imposed a fine of \$25 on Chan Chiu. A fine of \$500 (the alleged profit made by him at the rate of \$2 per dozen) was imposed on Chung.

Costs, in the amount of \$250 per defendant, were also granted by the Magistrate, on the application of Mr. Woo.

### To Appeal

Mr. A.S.C. Comber, for both defendants, gave notice of appeal against the confiscation order.

Giving judgment, Mr. Blair-Kerr said:

"First defendant admits making the belts and being in possession of cartons in which these belts were packed to which, admittedly, a false trade description had been applied."

"He admits endeavouring to dispose of them by way of sale. It is quite inadequate for him to come to Court and say simply because an unknown man, Li Ping, came and asked him to make the belts and put them in cartons conveniently supplied, that this constitutes taking all reasonable precautions against committing an offence against this Ordinance (Trade-Mark.)"

### "Coincidence"

"I do not think this man Li Ping ever existed as an independent individual. The whole case involves the second defendant. It is far too much of a coincidence that the second defendant's contract dated Dec. 16, 1947 should coincide with Li Ping's order to first defendant, even to the extent that the lengths of the belts should be 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches."

"First defendant could only have known that through the second defendant or his agent. The second defendant eventually admitted, in cross-examination on Jan. 22, 1948, that he then only had 100 dozen belts for delivery in fulfilment of the one and only contract he had ever entered into for the supply of these belts."

"He has, according to the International Sports Co., since fulfilled that contract. But on Jan. 3, 1948, when these belts were seized in the hands of the first defendant, he had apparent no other source of supply."

"I should not think the International Sports Co. would wish to be involved in the shipment of any belts in respect of which an offence under the Merchandise Marks Ordinance had been committed."

### No Explanation

"At the time the belts were seized, the crates were labelled with the name and address of the second defendant. No believable explanation of that was given. The contract provided for delivery before the end of this month (Dec. 1947)."

"First defendant says Li Ping advised him to have 250 dozen belts ready by Dec. 27, 1947. The goods were seized on Jan. 3, 1948. The declaration in support of application of certificate of origin is dated Jan. 2, 1948, and was signed on behalf of

the second defendant's firm by a man Li, an employee of the second defendant.

"The second defendant's firm wrote cancelling the application for Imperial Preference Certificate on Jan. 6, 1948, on the Monday (two days) following the seizure."

"The more one thinks about the evidence, the more one is convinced that the second defendant caused the false trade descriptions to be applied to these belts and cartons."

## Serious Charge

Edward Elias Blits, manager of the China Sea Trading Company, China Building, charged with a serious offence at the Metropole Hotel, will appear for hearing at Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada on March 9 at 12 p.m.

Mr. P.A.L. Vine, representing defendant, who is on \$2,500 bail, told the Court yesterday that the hearing might take an hour. The prosecuting officer said that he had three witnesses.

Blits, residing at the Metropole Hotel, Room 760, and native of Amsterdam, was remanded yesterday by Mr. d'Almada for a week.

## Three Charged With Attacks On Hikers

The attacks on hikers in the Causeway Bay area towards the end of last year, were recalled yesterday when Chan On, Wan Kam-choi and Cheung Ping-kwong appeared before the Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, at the Sessions on charges of robbing a party of Portuguese picnickers on Nov. 23.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, conducted the prosecution, assisted by Det. Inspector MacPherson. The accused were undefended.

Accused, together with another not in custody, are alleged to have robbed Ramona Maher, an 18-year-old Portuguese girl, of a wrist watch.

Outlining the charge Mr. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, said on the morning of Nov. 23 last a party of three adult and four Portuguese children were picnicking on the hillside near the Ming Yuen Reservoir.

About 11.30 a.m. four Chinese males, who had been walking about in the neighbourhood, came up to the picnic party. Three of them picked up their walking sticks and attacked Stephen Delgado (19), while the fourth robbed Miss Maher of her wrist watch.

A report was made to Bay View Police Station, and a few hours later, as a result of a Police comb out of the area, second accused Wan Kam-choi, was brought in to the station and was recognised by the picnickers.

Following Police information first and third accused were subsequently arrested, and all three formally charged.

The first witness, Ramona Maher, after bearing out counsel's opening statement, said first accused took her watch and the

other three attacked Stephen Delgado. She did not recognise first accused at the Magistracy.

Corroborative evidence was given by her companions Mercia Rocha (20) and Stephen Delgado (19).

The hearing will be continued this morning.

The Annual General meeting of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce will be held on March 10 at 4 p.m. at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel.

## Father's Plea Gets Son Out Of Gaol

Pang Ching-po, retired merchant, who, on Feb. 13, asked Mr. W. H. Latimer to send his 26-year-old son, Pang Wing-chung, to prison, yesterday appeared before the same Magistrate to support Mr. A. S. C. Comber's application for a review of the sentence passed on the son.

In reply to the Magistrate, Pang Ching-po (who was on the verge of tears) said that he only asked for a "prison lesson" for his son as the latter had goaded him too far.

"But," he said, "as he has been in prison for over 10 days now I think he has learned his lesson. I ask Your Worship to pardon him and to order his release now."

The father added that he would like the Magistrate to bind the boy over not to pester him or the mother again.

On Mr. Comber stating that he had received instructions that defendant's brother-in-law was prepared to go surety for him for the sum of \$500 Mr. Latimer remitted the remainder of the sentence and bound defendant over in that amount for a year.

### Warning

The Magistrate warned Pang Wing-chung that the bond only meant that he was free so long as he behaved himself. "If you should cause any more trouble, and if we receive any more complaints from your father or mother, we shall put you in gaol."

In his application, Mr. Comber said that the assault committed was only a technical one and did not, in reality, amount to more than unkind conduct. In view of the father's forgiveness he was asking the Magistrate to reconsider the sentence.

Pang Wing-chung was convicted on Feb. 13 for threatening his father with a walking stick, fitted with a scraper, after the latter had refused to give him \$22 to settle a mah-jongg debt.

## Increase In Solicitors' Fees, Costs Maintained

The rule made by the Acting Chief Justice on Jan. 27, 1948, for the 66-2/3 per cent increase in solicitors' fees and costs to remain in force up to the end of 1948, was passed by Legislative Council yesterday.

Moving the adoption of the motion the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said:

"Section 32 of the Supreme Court Ordinance 1873 empowers the Chief Justice to make rules regulating, inter alia, the cost and fees of solicitors."

"The rules for such purposes were made on Nov. 9, 1946, and approved, as required by this Council."

"These rules authorised an increase of 66-2/3 per cent in cost and fees over and above the scale which was approved as at Dec. 8, 1941."

"The increase which the rules of 1946 admitted took account of the increased cost and expenses which had fallen on the shoulders of solicitors."

"It has been represented to the Acting Chief Justice that the situation as regards these cost and expenses still obtains and that the increase which otherwise would at Dec. 31, 1947, fall to 33-1/3 per cent, should continue at the full amount of 66-2/3 per cent until Dec. 31, 1948."

"The purpose of the motion before Council is to give effect to the continuation of this increased rate."

"The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary and unanimously approved."

Described as an ex-Chinese Army officer, 45-year-old Chang Chak-wan was fined \$1,000 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for possession of 10 tials of raw opium at K.C.R. Station at 7.40 p.m. on Feb. 24.

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Owing to unforeseen circum-  
stances the meeting is postponed  
to Tuesday, 3rd March 1948 at  
5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A.  
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Agenda: - To receive reports  
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R. S. BARRY,  
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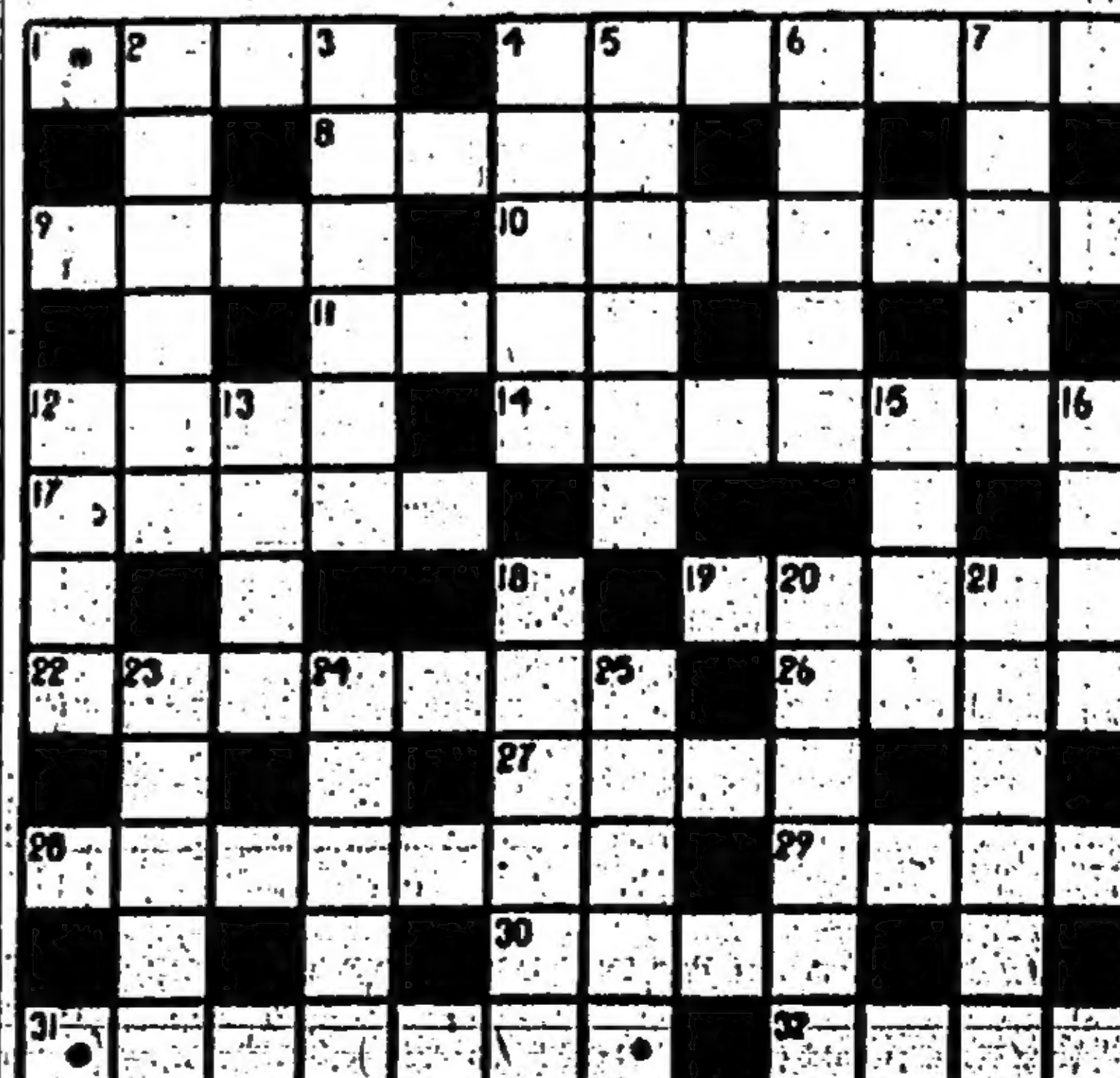
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#### Clues Across

1. Clown.
2. Law.
3. Jail.
4. Key.
5. Averted.
6. Narrative.
7. Talk wildly.
8. Fox.
9. Scare.
10. Fascination.
11. Model.
12. Dejected.
13. Dinky.
14. Shortage.
15. Blister.
16. Promontory.
17. Guided.
18. Border.

#### Clues Down

1. Severe trial.
2. Disorder.
3. Not fresh.
4. Inherent quality.
5. Unit of heat.
6. Subject.
7. Grate.
8. Huge.
9. Nod.
10. Disposed of.
11. Gratefully.
12. Layer covering.
13. Concerning.
14. Famous.
15. Nod.
16. Disposed of.
17. Gratefully.
18. Layer covering.
19. Concerning.
20. Famous.
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31. Concerning.

#### Yesterday's Crossword

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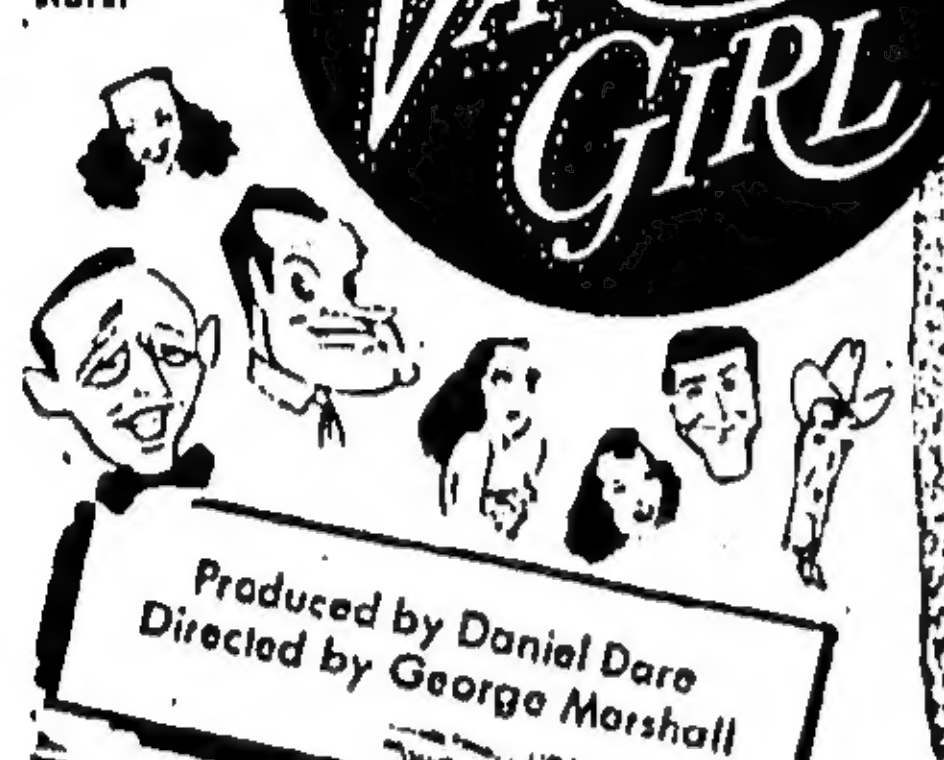
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# DEFENCE OF HONG KONG

## Confidential Report May Be Published

### Royal Commission Evidence

Ottawa, Feb. 24. Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, agreed in the House of Commons here today to ask the British Government to reconsider its objection to publication of some parts of the report of the 1942 Royal Commission which investigated the fall of Hong Kong in 1941.

Two Canadian regiments were captured there. For some days, the progressive Conservative Opposition have pressed for the documents to be made public and Mr. Mackenzie King had cabled to the British Government for permission.

The authorities in London stated that inter-governmental correspondence should in future remain confidential. Mr. King told the House that it was now hoped that the British Government would agree to the publication of all documents so that the Canadian people could get a full picture of the action. The demand for a new appeal to Britain came from Mr. C. G. Power, Air Minister during the war, whose son was captured at Hong Kong, after Mr. King had stated he was prepared to make public evidence which had been given before a Canadian Commission.

The British authorities, he said, had not been able to agree to the publication of telegrams which related to the international situa-

tion in the Far East "as they belong to a class of communication framed on the basis that they would not be published."

"They said the system of frank and full communications between Governments of the Commonwealth would be prejudiced if telegrams had to be prepared on the basis that they might be published," Mr. King said.

**Power's Plea**

Leaders of the three Opposition parties agreed with Mr. King, but Mr. Power, who sits on the Government side of the House, though no longer in the Cabinet, asked for the British decision to be reconsidered.

As one who played a large part in the assembling and despatching of the Canadian force at Hong Kong, he said, he wanted the Canadian people to get a complete picture.

And as one associated with the "Canadians" of the Canadian forces, he wanted all information to be made public on what could happen when Canadian troops were asked to serve under officers who were not Canadian and not responsible to the Canadian people.

"I feel such information would give guidance as to what policy should be in the event of another war," he said.—Reuter

**Markets For U.S. Rice**

Washington, Feb. 24.

The United States is sending an expert around the world to find out how long there will be an abnormal large export demand for American rice.

The war encouraged a sharp expansion in the domestic production to fill overseas needs where fighting had curtailed production.

Now that foreign producing areas are being revived, the American Government wants to size up future export demands so it can draft a domestic programme designed to prevent surpluses.

The Government is sure, however, that there will be a market for all that can be produced this year.

He will visit Asia, the Middle East and Europe. He is only one of several marketing experts now already abroad or who are about to go to survey sales prospects for tobacco, cotton, fresh fruits, and other American farm products.—Reuter.

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# Britain Protests Soviet Action

London, Feb. 24.

A strong protest against the removal by the Soviet authorities of the Danube Steamship Company's floating dock at Vienna at a time when the Company's assets were under discussion by the deputies was made today by the British delegate to the Austrian deputies conference here.

Mr. James Marjoribanks, the British delegate, who was in the chair, declared that the British Government "would strongly deprecate any attempt to prejudice the outcome of our discussions to the extent of actually removing such property from Austria and thereby transferring it from one category to another at the very time when the deputies are seeking to work out a settlement."

The British authorities in Vienna, he said, had been told that the Soviet Government had removed the dock, the only one of its kind in Austria, downstream to Hungary.

The American deputy, Mr. Samuel Reber, supporting the

British protest, declared that the incident raised the whole question of fixing a date after which no German assets claimed by the Soviet Government in Austria should be removed until a four-power agreement had been reached.

Denying the relevance of the protest, the Soviet deputy, M. Koltimov, said that in any case he considered it premature to conclude that the Soviet Government intended to transfer this asset from the category—inside Austria—in which 25 per cent of the company's assets were claimed, to the category—outside Austria—in which 100 per cent was claimed.—Reuter.

**JAPAN TRADE BOOST**

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Japan's limited foreign trade during the first two weeks of February doubled the average rate of business attained since private trading began in September 1, 1947, Allied Headquarters announced today.—United Press.

**Teachers Protest**

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

Five hundred primary school teachers and student guardians demonstrated outside the Council building against high tuition fees and low salaries when the City Councilors yesterday discussed education policy and conditions.

They were kept away from the building by approximately 100 policemen armed with rifles and machine-guns.

Amid the noisy clamour of demonstrators for better conditions, which was clearly audible within the meeting hall, a number of Councilors criticised the austerity campaign which, they said, aroused unnecessary disturbances in society. They especially pointed to the ban on commercial dancing which, while throwing thousands out of employment, has not succeeded in promoting an austerity sense among citizens.—Reuter.

**GET TOGETHER IN JAPAN**

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 24.

The docks on Kyushu Island, Japan, will witness a large scale family reunion when a U.S. Army sergeant greets his wife and seven of his 10 children.

Mrs. Martin A. Pfundtner and the children, ranging in age from two to 17, are awaiting official word from the Army to start their Pacific sea voyage.

Three other children, two of whom are married, will not make the trip. The father, Sergeant Pfundtner, is stationed at Itazuke airstrip.—Associated Press.

# Germany Can't Be Left Out

The Hague, Feb. 24.

Germany could not be excluded from a Western Union, Baron Van Boatzelaer, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said in Parliament today.

There was no doubt, he said, that Britain wanted to include a recovered Germany in the Union.

The Dutch wished on Germany would have to be considered, he declared, and Holland had neglected no opportunity of pointing this out.

He warned against too much propaganda for federalism in Europe, saying that the question needed serious study.

Wherever possible, Holland would consider the realisation of federalism within the Charter of the United Nations.—Reuter.

**BURMA-SOVIET RELATIONS**

London, Feb. 24.

Burma and the Soviet Union have agreed to establish normal diplomatic and consular relations and to exchange Ambassadors, the Burmese Embassy in London announced today.—Reuter.



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## SPECULATION IN CURRENCY

The excitement in the local gold and exchange markets which has sent gold and the American dollar to high levels, comparable to the position about two years ago, is attributable to two main factors, one, a flight from Chinese National Currency, guided by its collapse on the Shanghai market, and the second, the recurrence of mischievous rumours predicting devaluation of the pound sterling.

Although the most categorical assurances have been given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the British Government has no intention of devaluing the pound, apparently an uneasy feeling still persists that the issue may be forced by events, and those who stand to gain by a highly active market in speculative currencies are naturally doing their utmost to keep the rumours alive.

There is, of course, no sound basis for the rumours, nor yet for any "intelligent anticipation" of the consequences of Britain's economic crisis, and the firm denial yesterday afternoon by the Financial Secretary may perhaps provide a healthy corrective.

Even more effective would be the introduction of measures of control over operations in Mercer Street. This is a question of policy that has been discussed periodically, without bringing out sufficient convincing reasons to persuade the Government to intervene. Indeed, it is agreed that, under certain conditions, Mercer Street performs a useful function.

It remains an accepted fact, nevertheless, that the gold and currency market (as it is now operated) represents little more than ill-disguised gambling, that violent reactions similar to those noted in the last few days arise from speculators' stunts, that the market centre develops frequently into a bear-garden, when excitement runs high, and that, even more important, wild movements of prices against the Hong Kong dollar can be highly detrimental to legitimate business transactions expressed in American dollars and finally reflect very seriously on the cost of living.

Closure of the market is probably unwarranted, and might indeed do more harm than good from a long term point of view. There is however ground for re-examination of the position with the purpose of discovering whether restrictive controls would not be both practical and expedient. If gamblers cannot be prevented from finding a speculative medium, at least they need not be permitted to become a nuisance and a menace.

Only one inference can be drawn: that Mr. Power's mission is to demonstrate that bad leadership of the Canadian troops by the Higher Command explains the occasionally disastrous losses of the Canadians rather than their relative lack of training and unfamiliarity with the ground.

How this could be proved through the evidence of a Royal Commission held in 1942 when none of the principal participants were available to tell their side of the story is not easy to imagine. That apart, the time is surely past when a witch-hunt for scapegoats is desirable or necessary, nor do we see value at this stage in reviving old recriminations.

## BEHIND THE POLITICAL SCENE

# THE RUT IN BRITISH POLITICAL THINKING

We have all heard about the man who, glancing at yet another evening paper headline about Britain's Battle of the Gap while at the same time he counted out the crisp notes of his weekly earnings, observed: "Well, if this is the Crisis, long may it last."

It has been the existence of such a mentality in so many sections of the community which has made it hitherto impossible for members of the Government to hammer into the people's heads facts which they themselves were so slow to recognize. The Labour Party has always drawn its principal support from the trade unions, and the trade unions are notoriously the most reactionary force in the economic and political life of the nation.

### Morally Indefensible

It is true that this is the result rather of the deficiencies of the mental processes and the extreme conservatism of their habits than to any sinister intentions on their part. Appasement of the trade unions, long an accepted feature of Cabinet policy, has made the rut of their political thinking yet deeper.

Now they are faced in Sir Stafford Cripps with a man who sees that the country can no longer afford to mollycoddle them along any further. Sir Stafford has now determined on a deflationary policy, and has set himself the task of halting the nation on the brink of the bankruptcy to which the actions of his colleagues and in particular of his predecessor at the Treasury, have brought it.

He has aligned himself with those whom Doctor Dalton sligmatised as "baleful Bourbons, who have learned nothing." His policy is the very one described by the Doctor as "intellectually wrong and morally indefensible." There are plenty of Socialists who accept such a view of the present White Paper suggestions, although it is not known whether Doctor Dalton counts himself among their number.

If the steps towards a wages policy now recommended are unfair, and they must certainly involve a good deal of injustice, blame must be put upon Doctor Dalton for refusing to tackle the questions much earlier, at the close of the war and before a new cycle of wage increases had begun its slow but ruinous progress.

### Had Nothing To Offer

The shape of the Cripps policy will not be made properly clear until the Budget, before which time his negotiations with the

employers on price-fixing and reduction will have been completed.

It looks as if the Chancellor is merely trying to produce a more complicated version of the Blum experiment of last year, although it is obvious that that experiment enjoyed a small and very short-lived success, which could not be maintained for anything

like the two years or more period envisaged by Sir Stafford. The truth is that prices of goods can never be arbitrarily held down without reference to world markets.

Sir Stafford expressed the hope that everything can still be effected by exhortation and by self-denying ordinances. But though the Opposition has shown itself perfectly willing to accept some freezing of dividends, alongside wages, it is nevertheless useless to expect industry to set an example unless Government does the same.

And in this respect Sir Stafford had nothing to offer. There is to be no reduction in Government expenditure. There is no prospect of diminishing costs in nationalised industries and therefore no prospect of coal being sold cheaper, which alone might affect a reduction in consumer goods prices.

### A Grave Danger

Mr. Lawther, we learn, is backing the White Paper, but meanwhile voluntary absenteeism to the pits has once more reached alarming proportions. The question of longer hours in industry has not been faced.

Sir Stafford's proposals did manage to freeze the House of Commons into silence. Indeed, it was difficult to believe that he himself had much confidence in his success. One felt that he was reserving himself for the day when he will feel obliged to introduce the totalitarian compulsion which he professes to abhor.

But all the totalitarian methods in the world will not avail if the causes are applied simply to the causes of inflation. And in all freezing and restriction of profit-making enterprise there is a grave danger that the whole machinery of British production will itself become frozen into inactivity, and markets will be lost. Deflation—without—the increased pro-

duction towards which the White Paper contributes nothing will not cure our ills.

One might have thought that in this desperate situation the Labour Party would have at last realised the necessity of creating an atmosphere of greater political unity in the country.

### A Policy Accepted

But it has done nothing of the sort, as Mr. Eden justly complained. He referred to the fantastic remarks of Mr. Morgan Phillips, who having admitted that "there is even the danger of collapse at home," went on to assert that "there is no democratic alternative to the Labour Government."

The moderation of the Opposition avails them nothing. In the field of foreign affairs, as at home, their advice has been spurned only to be later accepted after the usual break-down of Socialist theory.

Nearly two years after Mr. Churchill had outlined his European proposals, Mr. Bevin accepts the policy on behalf of the Labour Government. Yet despite this, and despite Mr. Attlee's friendly references to the United Europe Movement, the Labour Party Executive decide to boycott the Hague Congress, sponsored by British and European organisations simply because of Mr. Churchill's connection with the movement.

If Mr. Bevin were an honest believer in the Western Union idea, he would have used all his influence to ensure that his fellow-Socialists were active in its pursuit in every sphere, irrespective of party. But within that large frame it seems that there lurks a pathetically small mind; and so he has allowed Mr. Shinwell to confirm the decision to sabotage the first popular Congress for European Unity.

British Socialists do not seem to understand that their own mean suspicions and jealousy of Britain's greatest statesman.

### Mean Suspicious

The Hague Congress had received enthusiastic support from men such as Stora, Blum, Ramadier, and Spaak, who find in Mr. Churchill a good European. Mr. Bevin's own European policy is becoming very difficult to follow.

One must certainly fear either for his judgment or his health, or both, when one hears him declaring, as did recently, that Britain's relations with the world had never in all history been better than under his own stewardship.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

### YOU REALLY DON'T CARE

So long as you know you are squeezing one or the other of your opponents, you don't really care which it is. There are situations exactly like that, in which you can be sure beyond peradventure of a doubt that your squeeze play will work, but have not the slightest idea of which defender must bear the brunt of it. That can exist when you have each defender marked as holding some one specific card—the first player on the squeeze trick having the only guard to a card in the next hand, and the second player possessing the only protection against a card in the same hand as the squeeze. Then neither of them may be able to defend against some secondary card in a third suit.

S 9 2  
H K J 10 8  
D K 10 9 8 7 6  
C 6  
S 8 5  
H K 7 6 5  
D 4  
D Q 5 3  
C 8 7 6  
S 9 2  
H K J 10 7 6 4  
D 13 2  
D A 2  
C K 10 2  
(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)

East South West North  
1 C DB 1 M 2 D  
2 C 3 S Pass Pass  
DB 1

South was set a trick in a hurry with the club 8 to the A. The spade K, spade A, heart A and heart Q, so when East returned the club Q to the sixth trick, he naturally wanted to avoid going down a second trick. But he showed them that he had a spade, and would do it. East led for the heart 10 after the

had marked West as holding the K, and East was marked with the club J because of his having led the Q. Therefore West would have to try to protect his side against the diamond heart J becoming a trick-taker and East would have to defend against the club 10 becoming good. In order for them to do that, however, they would have to make the diamond 10 good. Or at least whichever one held three diamonds would have to relinquish his protection in that suit.

### Tomorrow's Problem

S 9 2  
H K J 10 4 2  
D A  
C 10 8 6 5 2  
S K 9 8  
H Q 9 8  
D K 5 4  
C A K J 4  
S J 10 6 5 4  
H 6 3  
D Q U 8  
C 7 3  
(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

It was a bidding game. South had a spade, which East doubled. What is the best defense?

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"No, no, madam! Ladies' night just means you get in free!"

# The Crucial Battle In China

The greatest battles of China's 20-year-old civil war are expected to be fought in the next few weeks as, with the advent of warmer weather, both the Chinese Communist and Nationalist commands complete plans for a considerable intensification of operations.

These are likely to dwarf in ferocity, number of men engaged and fire-power anything hitherto witnessed in the protracted Chinese internecine strife.

The complete capture of the rich territory of Manchuria is known to be still the primary objective of the Communists, while the Nationalist Command, meeting under the chairmanship of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, had drafted a new timetable calling for both the stepping-up and speeding-up of the anti-Communist suppression campaign.

The new Nationalist blueprint is reported to take into account some 20 divisions of American-trained infantry which training centres in various parts of the country, including the large one on Taiwan Island, will be turning out this spring.

### "Crack" Units

One pro-Government source here said that reinforcements for Manchuria will be "mostly crack units," and that their main task will be firstly, to re-establish land communications between Peiping and Mukden; in other words, reopen and keep open the Government lifeline in Manchuria, the Peiping-Mukden Railway—and next to recover all Government positions lost since the Communist sixth or autumn offensive.

Parrying all questions as to whether he thought such a comparatively small force could achieve these objectives against the large Communist army of well-trained fighters, the source reiterated the Government's determination to stay in the Northeast at all costs, and dismissed as "totally groundless" current reports that the Government was contemplating withdrawal of its troops from that part of the country.

Some of the newly-trained Government divisions are also expected to be sent to North China, where General Fu Tsi-yi is facing what the Chinese press terms "the most difficult task of his life"—suppressing the Communists in the five provinces: Hopei, Jehol, Chahar, Sui-yuan and Shanai, under his jurisdiction.

### One Of The Best

The forthcoming operations by General Fu, whose Suiyuanese army has been described by such well-known military experts as Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer, former Commander-in-Chief of the United States Forces in this country, as "one of the best trained in China," will be coordinated with a Nationalist general offensive in Manchuria and large-scale mopping-up campaigns in other areas.

A shrewd strategist and a master of surprise attack, robust General Fu realizes the difficulty of the task facing him, but is determined to meet the challenge.

In central China, in the vast area between the Yellow and Yangtze rivers, General Pai Chung-hai, Minister of National Defence, will probably—in the new Nationalist operational blueprint—be entrusted with the unenviable job of crushing General Li Po-cheng and General Chen Yi, two of the cleverest field commanders and guerrilla fighters in the Communist camp.

The Communist strength on this warfront is conservatively estimated at half a million.

### Yen's Warning

Meanwhile, General Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shanai province, has warned the Nationalist Command that, in his opinion, the Communists are about to launch an all-out offensive, and called for adequate plans to frustrate their plans.

In support of his belief he mentioned "recent drastic changes in the Chinese Communist administration, Communist purges of officers and soldiers from the agrarian middle class, suspension of a large number of administrative organizations in Communist areas and conscription of civil service staffs, and closing of Communist schools and dispatch of the older students to the front."

Chinese Reds have realized the disadvantage of a long war and have prepared for major decisive battles," General Yen is quoted as saying.

Commenting on General Yen's warning, the official Kuomintang paper, the Central Daily News, said "the four signs of an imminent offensive analysed by General Yen possibly indicate a Communist desire to come back to southwest China, from where the Chinese Reds fled to the northwest in the 'Long March' in 1934."

"The antidote to such an attempt," the paper added, "would be to strengthen the people so as to prevent the rebels from getting adequate supplies. Short of supplies, the Communist forces will certainly crumble."

### Shantung Watch

Although officially "liberated" from the Communists months ago, the war-torn province of Shantung is still living on a war emergency basis today, according to travellers from the area.

From the provincial capital of Tsinan, all the way southward along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, soldiers and militiamen, armed with rifles or broad swords, keep a round-the-clock watch against surprise Communist attacks.

In Tsinan, most streets are barricaded at both ends with barbed-wire entanglements. Gun emplacements have been constructed at all important intersections, and every night curfew and martial law are enforced between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Similar precautions are enforced in almost all large cities and ports. In Shantung, while Government forces guard the railway between Tsinan and Lincheng are hastily completing new defence works—a definite indication that Communist forces are not far away.

Observers here forecast that large-scale fighting will break out in the province this spring or summer as a result of the withdrawal of large Nationalist forces from the area for battles to come in a final showdown with the Communist forces hereafter look for battles.



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## CONTROLLING OF PROFITS Wage And Price Freezing Campaign Manufacturers To Absorb Costs

London, Feb. 24.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced today that he had signed 14 orders designed to assure that there would be no provocative increase in prices or profits that would strengthen demands for increased wages.

The new orders follow the announcement by Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on February 12 that the Government would put a price ceiling on a large range of goods based on the December-January levels as one step in its "freeze wages, profits and prices" programme to check inflation.

Mr. Wilson told a press conference that the new orders covered two main classes of goods.

They brought under up-to-date price control incidental goods formerly under only loose control and laid down the rule that manufacturers, who, under a "cost plus" system, had previously been able to pass on the cost of wages increases to the consumer, could not add any costs resulting from wage agreements reached after February 4, 1948, unless the Board of Trade specifically agreed.

Umbrellas, typewriters, cameras, combs, radios, gramophones, television sets, toilet articles and stationery come under the new controls.

More than 160 items of everyday use and their accessories will be pegged under the 14 orders, which will come into effect on March 15.

Nearly one-third of the British-built ships were sold abroad, the highest proportion for many years and three times the previous year's figure.

## British Economic Struggle

London, Feb. 24.

The keynote of Britain's economic policies this year must be to make sterling strong and stable as a contribution to the British economy and to a great part of the rest of the world as well, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer said here tonight.

Addressing a National-Saving rally, he emphasised that, during Marshall aid, British would need the backing of a reserve of gold or dollars for the trade of the sterling area because she must maintain the confidence of the rest of the sterling area and the world, essential to any world stability in trade.

"There is a really hard struggle before us—I do not say a desperate struggle, because that would imply that there was no way out."

It was a struggle, he added, of tremendous world importance and "of the most adventurous possibilities."—Reuter.

## Shipping Boom

Meantime, boosting her shipbuilding last year to one of the highest levels since the first World War, Britain took over a bigger share of the total world production than for 34 years.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping today, in its annual summary of mercantile shipbuilding for 1947, showed that British shipyards turned out 1,202,000 tons, representing 55.9 per cent of the world output.

Both figures were up on the previous year when they were 1,133,000 tons and 53.3 per cent respectively.

Not since 1913, when the figure was 58 per cent, has Britain had so large a share of the world's shipbuilding.

## U.S. BAN ON CZECH VISITS

Frankfurt, Feb. 24.

American Army headquarters today announced that it had temporarily suspended all recreational travel by military and civilian personnel to Czechoslovakia.

The action, the Army said, resulted from a notification sent today by the Czechoslovak mission in Frankfurt to the Army's recreation division.

No reasons were given.—Reuter.

## Scandinavia Joins In

Oslo, Feb. 24.

Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland have decided to take part in the Marshall aid plan and in the proposed Working Committee for furthering economic cooperation between the 16 countries which attended the Paris Economic Conference, the Nordic Ministers announced tonight at the end of their meeting here.

These four Scandinavian Governments agreed that a successful Marshall Plan "will be of decisive importance for European reconstruction."

Their representatives—the Foreign and Trade Ministers of each country, the Danish Minister of Economics, and the Norwegian Minister of Industry, agreed that they "shared the same view on the problems the Marshall Plan seeks to solve."—Reuter.

## Officers' Improper Conduct

London, Feb. 24.

An accusation that British and Allied officers used third degree methods against Germans at the Bad Nenn-dorf interrogation camp in Germany was made in the House of Commons today by a Labour Member, Mr. Richard Stokes.

He said he himself had visited the camp, where he found men in cells 10 degrees below zero.

"To my certain knowledge, one man had his legs frozen off."

Four British Allied officers concerned with the allegations of ill-treatment are awaiting court martial.

Another Labour Member, Mr. Thomas Driberg, asked what disciplinary action had been taken against a British officer and non-commissioned officers who had "beat up" Herr Werner Kleindienst, a 20-year-old German student.

Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, replied that the officers' conduct was "improper and unworthy of the British Army."

They had been reprimanded and transferred to other duties or in one case released from the Army.—Reuter.

## Korean Elections Called For

Lake Success, Feb. 24.

The United States today called for an immediate election in South Korea to establish a National Government despite the United Nations Korea Commission report that it did not support such a step.

The American delegate, Mr. Philip Jessup, told the Little Assembly: "We believe that this will provide the Korean people with their best chance to establish a stable Government, reflecting the will of the majority."

Mr. Jessup urged that one-third of the seats should be reserved for the representatives of North Korea, the Soviet-occupied zone.

"If it should unhappily prove to be the case that the Commission could not continue with observations of the elections north of the 38th Parallel, due to the opposition of the Soviet authorities, the result would nevertheless be that two-thirds of the Korean people would have elected their proportional share of the members of a Korean National Assembly."

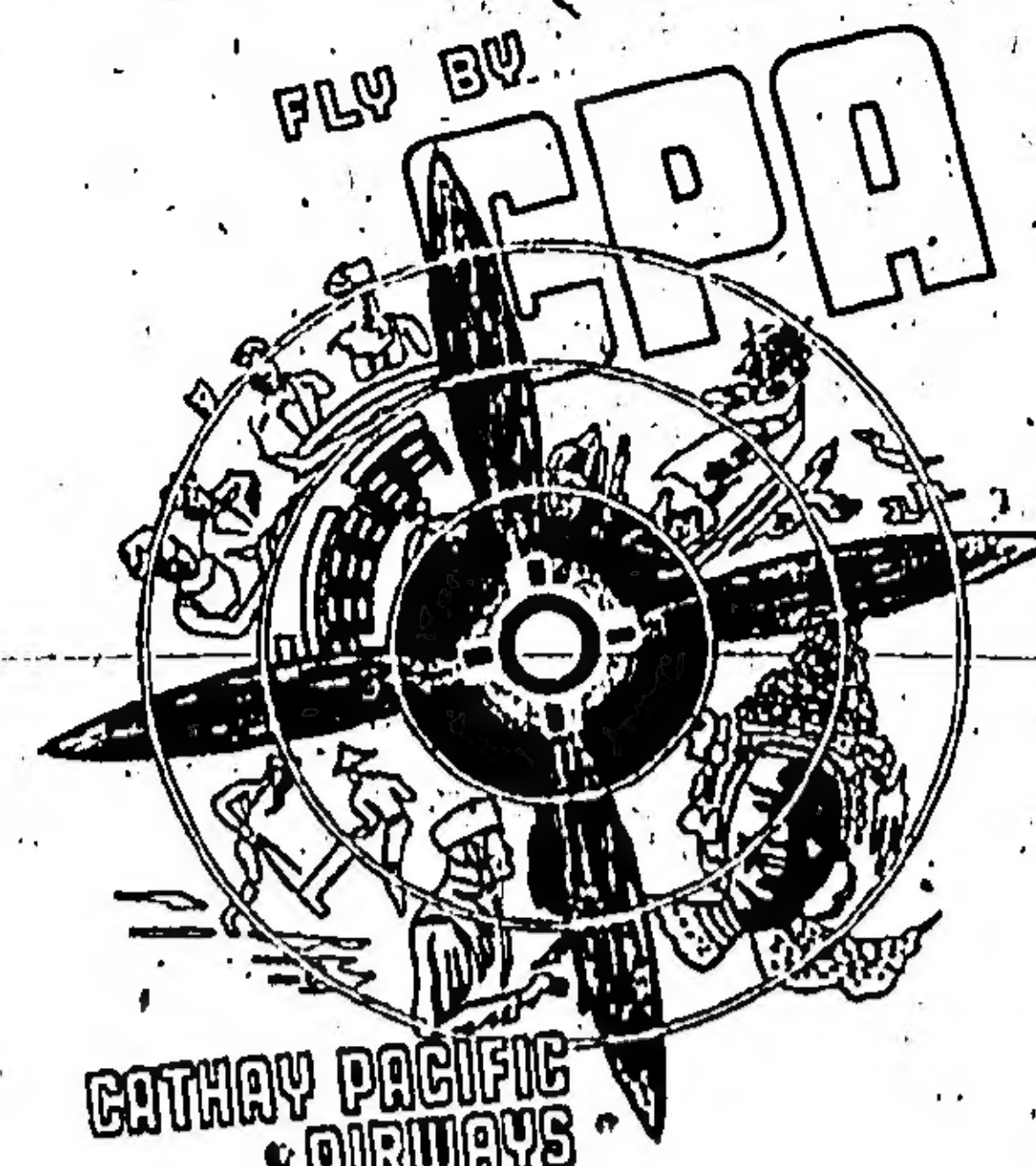
"One-third of the Korean people would have been denied the opportunity to send their representatives in that Assembly."

"The Korean people and all the world would know who had denied them that opportunity."

Mr. Jessup submitted a resolution to the Assembly, declaring that it was incumbent on the Commission to implement an election programme in such parts of Korea as are accessible to the Commission.

Dr. T. F. Tsiang, the Chinese delegate, said: "Members of the Commission feel that they should do nothing to crystallise the division between the North and the South. We should be very careful in our examination of any course of action which we may adopt with particular reference to this point of Korean unity."—Reuter.

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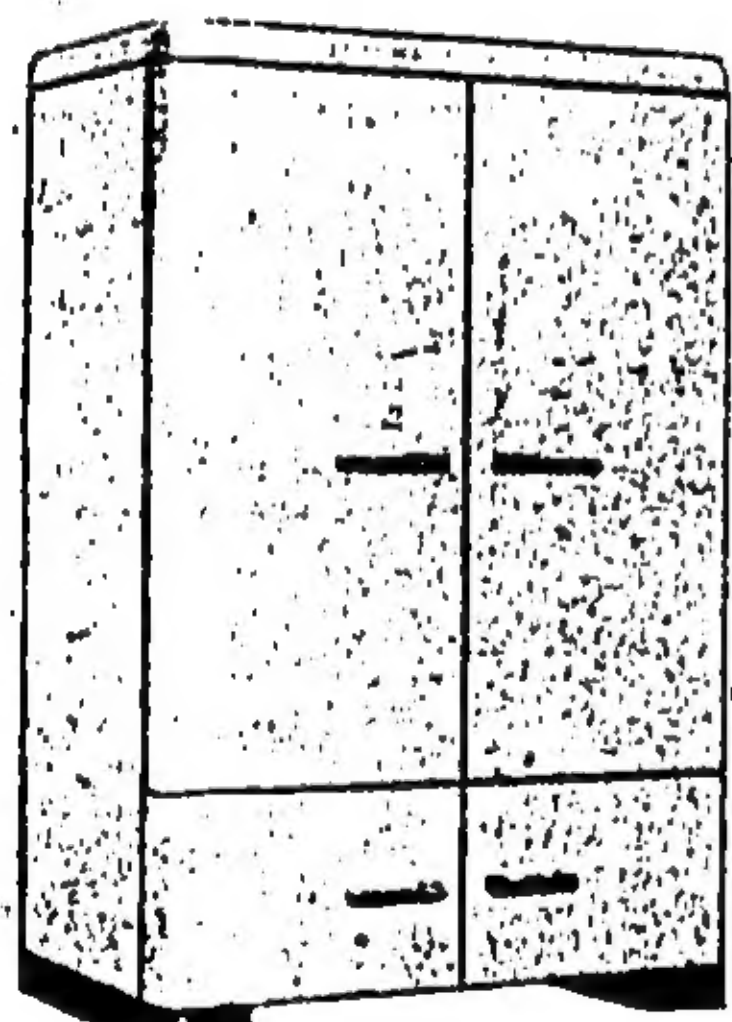
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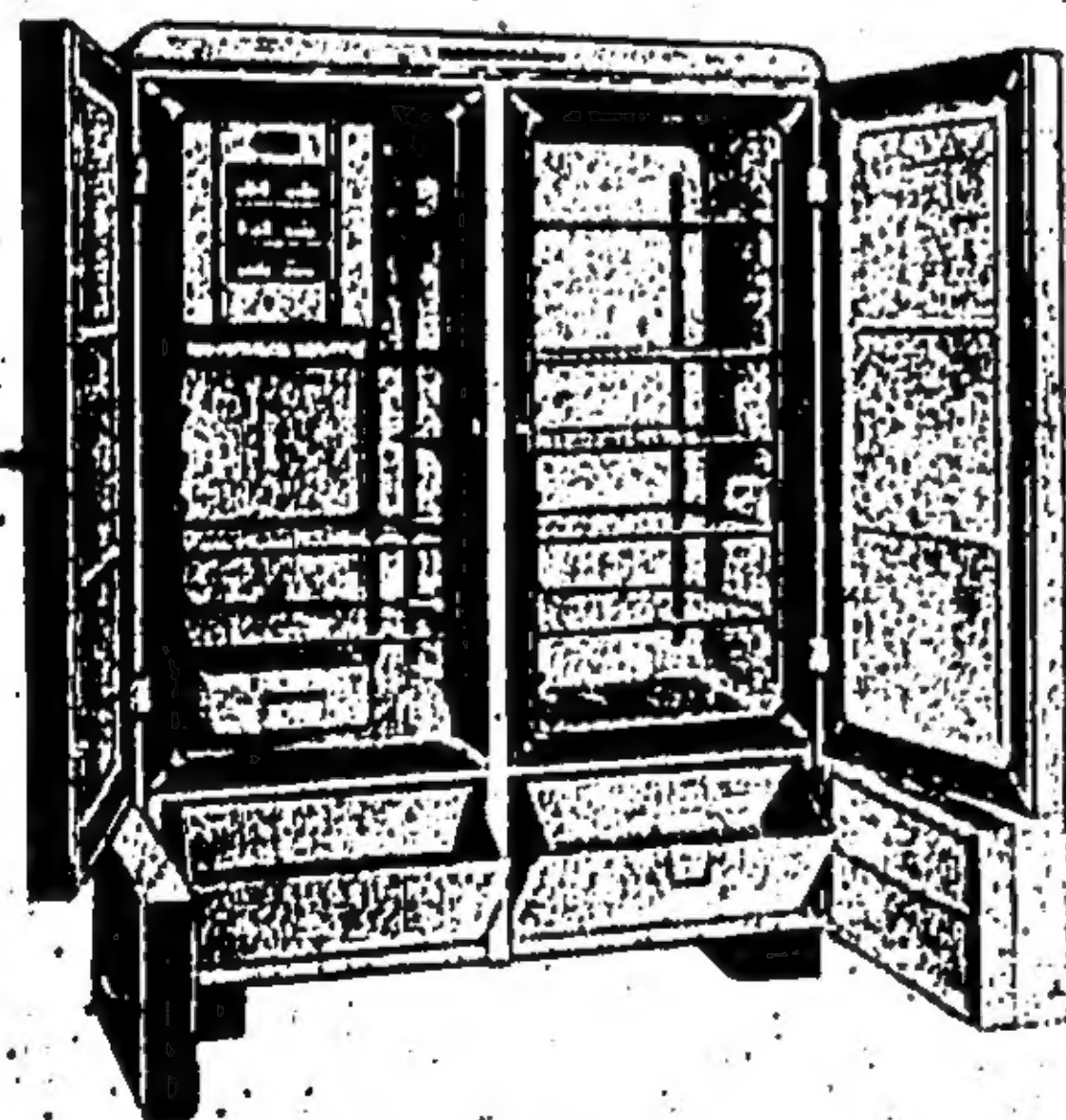
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## ENGINEERING PAGE

### Twenty Years' Life In New X-Ray Tubes

Development of a new, long-  
lasting X-ray tube designed to  
aid dentists in the diagnosis of  
tooth ailments is announced in  
Bloomfield, N.J.

The tube can take a 70,000-  
volt heating and yet last for 20  
years, scientists of Westinghouse  
Electric Corp., said. It is one  
of the smallest X-ray tubes ever  
manufactured, no longer than  
a power tube in a home radio  
set.

The new tube is being made  
available after having operated  
steadily on test for 1,000 hours,  
the equivalent of about two years  
of normal usage in a dentist's  
office, according to Joseph Lem-  
pert, Westinghouse Electronics  
engineer.

The tube was the result of a  
clue found in Germany X-ray  
equipment seized during the war.  
Its design also minimizes stray  
radiation, or bullets, that some-  
times blur X-ray films, and  
cause retakes to be necessary.

Lempert explained that the  
key departure in the new design  
is a copper hood surrounding the  
tube's anode, a tungsten target  
which electrons smash into at  
a 90,000-miles-a-second clip, to  
produce the X-rays. These  
electrons travel at about half  
the speed of light.

Lempert said that the X-ray-  
producing electrons are trapped  
inside the tube's hooded area,  
which shields the rest of the  
tube from bombardment by stray  
radiation bullets.

"As the electrons bounce off  
the target," Lempert said, "the  
resultant X-rays stream through  
a tiny porthole in the hood, and

are beamed on the film through  
a window in the glass tube the  
size of a wrist watch crystal.

"This window, made of special  
hard glass which transmits X-  
rays, is ground down to a uni-  
form thickness of about 20 one-  
hundredths of an inch for all  
tubes, assuring the radiographer  
of consistent exposure."

Lempert said that in other  
models, the tube windows had to  
be made thicker as a protection  
against unused electrons un-  
leashed within the tube. These  
unused electrons, in effect, jerk-  
ed gases out of the glass walls  
of the tube, limiting its life, he  
said.

The Westinghouse scientists  
said the hooded anode was sug-  
gested by discovery of such  
dental tubes among German X-  
ray equipment. The new tube,  
they said, is an improvement on  
the German design.

### Push-Button Telegraphy

"Push-button telegraphy" pre-  
viewing a new era in Western  
Union delivery, has now been  
placed in operation between  
Philadelphia and New York.

The Western Union Telegraph  
Company said the \$2,000,000  
push-button system, coupled with  
construction of a new radio beam  
network, ultimately will replace  
telegraph pole lines.

The mechanical marvel, tri-  
pling the capacity of present wire  
facilities, permits switching  
clerks to relay messages to any  
of 270 destinations by merely  
pushing a button.

Western Union officials said  
other circuits—only one, to New  
York, is now in operation—will  
soon be added. The complex maze  
of wires, buttons, panels and lights  
next will be installed at Cincin-  
nati. Then push-button sets will be  
constructed in Boston, Kansas  
City, Syracuse, St. Louis, Atlanta  
and Oakland, Calif.

Philadelphia is the clearing  
house for all messages to and  
from Pennsylvania, New Jersey,  
Delaware and the counties of  
Maryland and Virginia on the  
Delmarva Peninsula. Messages  
arriving there are sorted by rout-  
ing clerks and carried by con-  
veyor belts to relay operators  
who retransmit the message on  
teletypes.

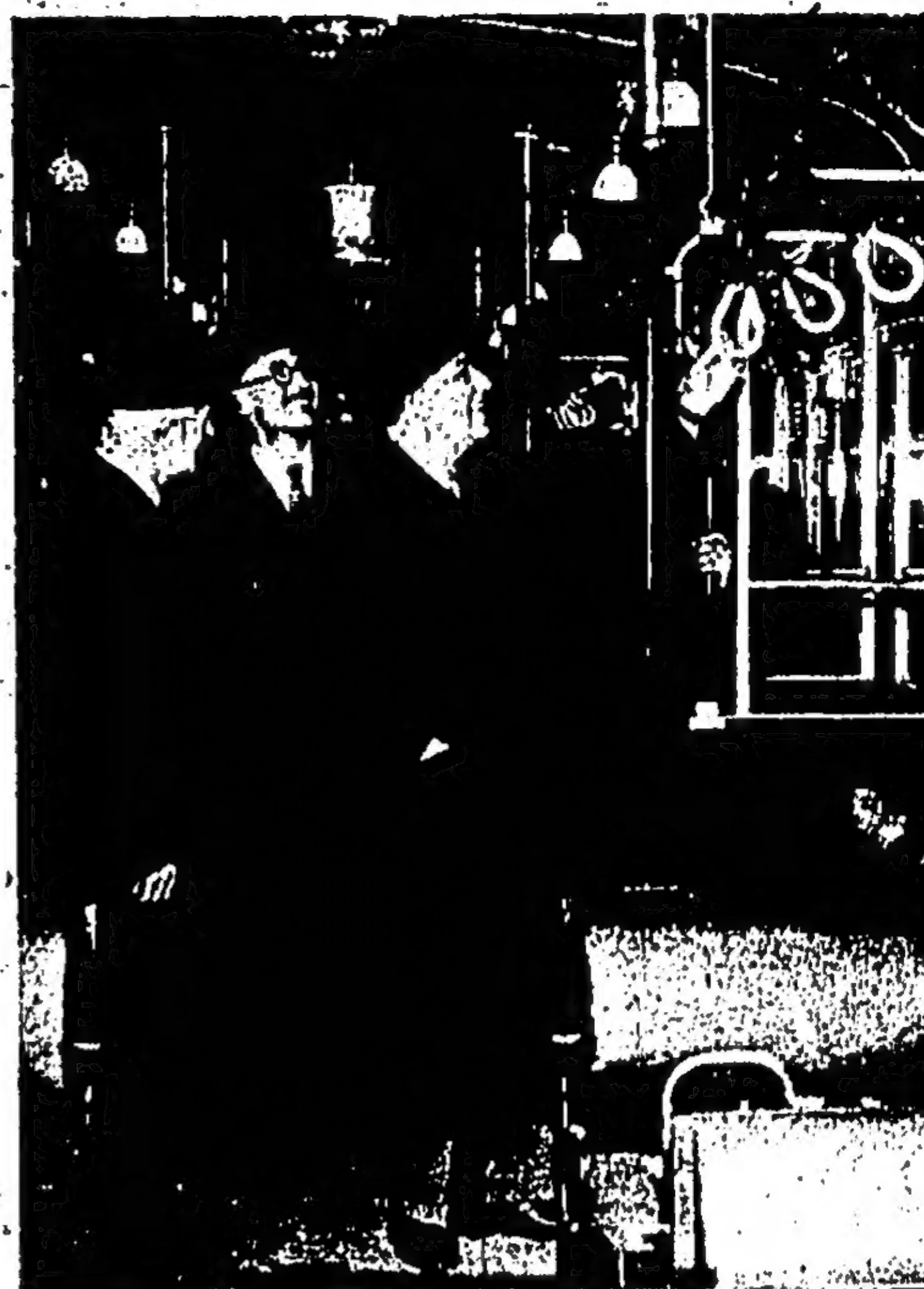
A radio beam system has been  
operated experimentally between  
Philadelphia and New York since  
February, 1945, the company said.  
Commercial use will start short-  
ly over a system connecting Phila-  
delphia, Pittsburgh, New York  
and Washington.

The company said radio beam  
transmission, with radio towers  
30 to 50 miles apart to relay  
super high-frequency waves, is  
not affected by the weather haz-  
ards that frequently cut service  
over telegraph poles and lines.—  
Associated Press.

The first mass radiography  
service to be installed in a fac-  
tory in Great Britain has been  
inaugurated at the Ford works  
in Dagenham.

In view of a misleading re-  
port in one of the Home papers,  
the Daimler and Lanchester  
companies have publicly stated  
that they have no intention of  
ceasing manufacture of any of  
their cars. On the contrary,  
every effort is being made to in-  
crease production, especially for  
the export market.

### ELECTRIC TRAINS



The Brazilian Ambassador in Great Britain tests out a  
strap-hanger in one of the new electric trains now under  
construction at the works of the Metropolitan-Cammell  
Carriage and Wagon Co. of Birmingham, for shipment to  
Brazil. At left are two factory officials.

### Synthetic Glue

A new type of synthetic glue  
twice as strong as brass rivets  
has been developed by the B.  
F. Goodrich Co.

J. E. Thomas, a company  
executive, said an automobile  
manufacturer will start to use  
it this Autumn to anchor truck  
brake linings and eventually  
will use it on its passenger  
cars.

Thomas said the new glue  
used on brake linings may out-  
mode the use of rivets, since  
the lining then can be worn  
down to the shoe without re-  
placing it and without the dan-  
ger of rivet heads cutting  
ridges in the brake drums.

### Brewery Trade Exhibition

Britain's brewery trade held its  
first post-war exhibition in Octo-  
ber. It was held in London and  
was the largest of its kind ever  
staged. A number of new types  
of very interesting machines and  
appliances, which are of great  
value for the development of the  
trade, were seen.

An entirely new machine has  
been designed for bottling beer,  
and the pasteurizing and labelling  
machines are also interesting.  
Firms specialising in cellar equip-  
ment displayed corking machines,  
thermostatic controls and other  
new models.

The exhibition proved very at-  
tractive also because visitors had  
the opportunity of tasting wines.  
The Commonwealth wine-produc-  
ing countries had their best wares  
on show, and "best" refers to  
both taste and price.

Saffron Walden Town Coun-  
cil have agreed to make repre-  
sentations to the petroleum of-  
ficer for a special petrol ration  
for the local chimney sweep.

### Electrical Industry's Load

The world demand for electri-  
cal appliances and parts has  
grown to such proportions since  
World War II, that British ex-  
ports in this branch of industry  
have increased enormously.

The "Electrical Review" states  
that Britain exported electrical  
appliances in June this year to  
the value of £5,085,315 as com-  
pared with a 1938 monthly aver-  
age of £1,829,198. Some of the  
detailed figures are particularly  
interesting and the corresponding  
ones for 1938 are quoted in  
brackets.

The figure for domestic wire-  
less sets was £377,297 (£36,755),  
for cooking and heating appliances  
£236,382 (£30,864), for insulating  
materials £121,837 (£19,343), for  
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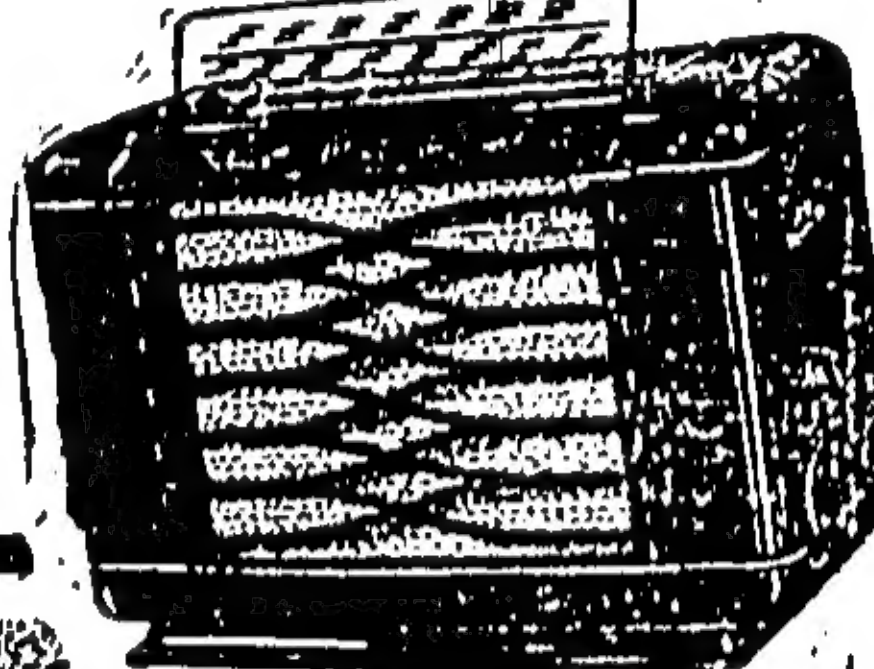


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# U. S. POLICY ON PALESTINE

## Consultations By Security Council Trying To Agree On Partition

Lake Success, Feb. 24.

The long-awaited United States policy on Palestine was laid down today with a declaration that the Security Council should at once begin consultations with the Palestine Commission, with Britain, and with representatives of the Jews and Arabs, at New York, in an effort to reach agreement on the General Assembly's plan for partition.

Mr. Warren Austin, the United States delegate, making this recommendation, also said that the Security Council must first of all determine whether there is a threat to international peace in the Palestine situation.

He proposed that the Security Council establish a committee made up of five of its permanent members to look into the question of a possible threat to international peace.

Mr. Austin declared: "The United States, as a member of the United Nations, will continue to deal with the question of Palestine in conjunction with other members."

"The United States policy will not be unilateral. It will conform to and be in support of the United Nations action on Palestine."

"It is of first importance to the United Nations that the precedent to be established by action taken in this case be in full accord with the terms of the Charter under which we operate."

"In considering whether or not the situation in Palestine is a threat to international peace, the Council should consult with the United Kingdom, which, as the mandatory power, is responsible for the protection of Palestine."

**The Charter**  
Under the Charter, he said, the Council was responsible for determining the existence of any threat to peace.

"If it makes such a determination with respect to the situation in Palestine, the Council is required by the Charter to act."

"It is empowered to take recommendations or to take provisional measures or to impose economic and other non-military sanctions or to take military measures," the Council is required to follow one or more of these lines of action.

It may pursue these lines of action in any sequence it deems proper.

"If the Security Council should decide that it is necessary to use armed force to maintain international peace in connection with Palestine, the United States would be ready to consult under the Charter with a view to such action as may be necessary."

"Such consultation would be required, in view of the fact that agreement has not yet been reached on making armed forces available to the Security Council under the terms of Article 43."

**Legal Position**  
Mr. Austin continued: "The Charter does not empower the Security Council to enforce a

political settlement, whether it is pursuant to the recommendation of the General Assembly or of the Council itself."

"What this means is this: The Council, under the Charter, can take action to prevent aggression against Palestine from outside."

"The Council, by these same powers, can take action to prevent a threat to international peace and security from inside."

"But this action must be directed solely to the maintenance of international peace. The Council's action, in other words, is directed to keeping peace, not to enforcing partition."

**Increasing Violence**  
The United Kingdom Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told the Security Council that the military withdrawal and winding up of the civil administration in Palestine are both "being carried out against a background of increasing violence."

"Indeed, the general security position in Palestine has deteriorated very seriously since the resolution of the General Assembly was passed on November 30 last year," he said.

"This deterioration, due to a lack of restraint by both communities inside Palestine, has been aggravated by the activities of groups beyond the borders—the intrusion of armed Arab bands, and on the Jewish side—by the continuance of illegal immigration."

"In endeavouring to control this situation, British civil and military personnel have suffered a heavy toll of life and property."

"Nevertheless, the British forces have, on frequent occasions, kept the contending factions apart, have suppressed such violence, have controlled the frontiers, and have prevented open civil war."

"Since its resolution of November 30, my Government have provided the Palestine Commission with a large body of information to enable it to take up the responsibilities assigned to it by the United Nations."

"The mandatory administration has made some progress in the devolution of powers to local Jewish and Arab authorities, in the creation of police forces drawn from both communities, and in the transfer of control over vital services."

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## Challenge Taken

Jerusalem, Feb. 24.

While the Jewish Agency spokesman told reporters today that the Agency Executive would accept the British challenge to produce evidence involving Britons in the responsibility for the Ben Yehuda Street explosion on Sunday, sirens wailed in the Old City as violence continued.

Saying that all information about the explosion was now in the hands of the Jewish Agency representatives, the spokesman was replying to the statement made in the House of Commons by Mr. David Rees-Williams.

Fifty-three bodies have now been recovered from the wreckage of the shattered houses and apartment buildings in the Ben Yehuda Street district.

In incidents which occurred today, eye-witnesses reported that a mortar bomb blasted the Arab maternity ward of the Government hospital near the Notre Dame convent—now occupied by troops—just outside Jerusalem's Old City, killing at least one person.

Another mortar bomb was reported to have went off on the roof of the General Post Office building but caused no damage.

A Jewish armoured bus was burned out after it had been blasted by an electrically detonated mine in a Jerusalem street today.

Arabs attacked the bus with machine-gun fire, which the Jews returned, and one Jew was badly hurt.

Two more Jewish armoured buses which passed the smouldering chassis had to run the gauntlet of machine-gun fire and grenade attacks from Arabs in houses on both sides of the road from the Jewish settlement of Mevorah, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, to the centre of the city.

## KING'S DOCTOR IN ACCIDENT

Kingston, Feb. 24.  
Lord Horder, aged 77, physician-in-ordinary to the King, and Lady Horder were injured when their car overturned on the Portsmouth road near here. Lord Horder was driving. Lady Horder was detained in hospital with a bruised wrist and a suspected fracture of a rib, but Lord Horder was not detained.—Reuter.

## Paying For The Damage

London, Feb. 24.  
A suggestion that the communities responsible for the Ben Yehuda Street explosion in Jerusalem on Sunday should be called upon "to the full degree" to make good the damage was made in the House of Lords today by Lord Swinton, former Conservative Cabinet Minister.

Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, said he would pass the suggestion on to the Government.

He added that Abdul Kader Hussein, who signed an Arab pamphlet circulated in Jerusalem today admitting responsibility for the explosion, was a "very close relative" of the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Husseini.

He did not reply to the suggestion by Lord Swinton whether the leaders of the Jewish Agency would be held responsible for the "lying rumour about British troops" having committed the outrage.—Reuter.

## Honeymoon Couple Arrested

Vienna, Feb. 25.  
British authorities are attempting to get the Russians to release a British newspaper correspondent and his bride of five days.

They were arrested in the Russian zone of Austria. No reason was given. A British spokesman said that G. E. R. Gedye, author, and correspondent for the London "Daily Herald," was returning from a honeymoon in the British zone when he was arrested. He was married to the former Alice Lepper last Thursday.

The arrest took place near Gloggnitz when the couple's car broke down, the spokesman said. They were held overnight at the local Russian headquarters at Bad Fischau. Gedye was allowed to telephone his office.

The spokesman said that the Russians had promised to return Gedye and his wife to Vienna. British officials hope to secure their release when the party reaches the Russian commandatura in Vienna.—Associated Press.

Frankfurt, Feb. 24.  
The enlarged German economic Council of the Anglo-American zone held its first meeting here today in its new form and re-elected Dr. Erich Koehler, Christian Democrat, as President, all Council members except Communists voting for him.—Reuter.

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Feb. 28, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon

Feb. 28, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Mar. 2, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 a.m.

Mar. 2, Philippine Airlines, 10 a.m.

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Feb. 27, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Feb. 29, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok, Feb. 25, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

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Mar. 4, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Singapore, Feb. 27, Air France, 2 p.m.

Feb. 28, BOAC (Capt. Kyle), 4 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok, Feb. 29, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Mar. 3, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

## Departures To:

Poole via Bangkok, Feb. 26, BOAC (Capt. Needham), 8 a.m.

Singapore, Feb. 27, BOAC (Capt. Kyle), 7.30 a.m.

Manila, Feb. 26, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Feb. 26, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Mar. 1, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.

Feb. 20, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Feb. 29, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

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San Francisco, (Via Honolulu, Guam, Wake & Manila), Feb. 28, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Mar. 1, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco, (Via Honolulu, Okinawa, Wake & Honolulu), Feb. 27, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Mar. 5, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Salon, Feb. 28, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 27

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Hankow, Swatow and Hongkong, 2 p.m.

Manila and Hongkong, 3 p.m.

Durban and Hongkong, 3 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, P.L., Honolulu, Amoy and London, Kowloon, C.P.O., (Reg.) 10 a.m. (Ord.) 10.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, Airmail for Canton and Kowloon, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Manila, Tientsin and Shekai, 9 a.m.

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## ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Flying Independent (Passenger) from Yokohama (Capt. W.H. Hardy), All

Memoria (H. & B.) from Singapore (Capt. R. Baker), Holt's Wharf.

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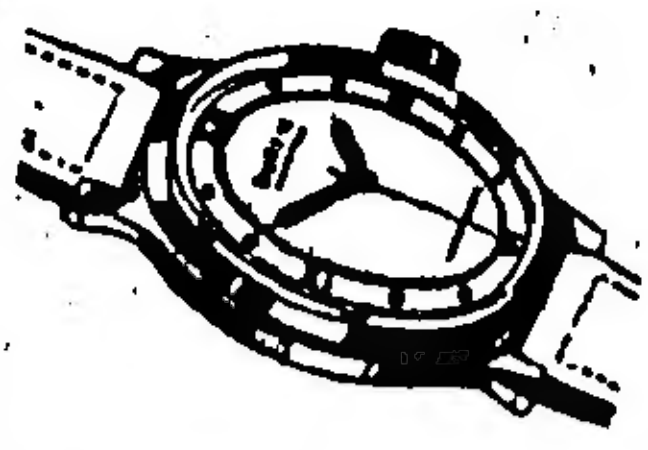
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## Weekly Soccer Notes

(By "ROVER")

The action of the Emergency Council of the Hong Kong Football Association in suspending until the end of the year, a player found guilty of misconduct on the field, is to be highly commended. It is indeed most refreshing to see this body take a line of action which has been long overdue.

The suspension will, it is hoped, serve as a warning to other players that misconduct on the field is likely to have serious repercussions to themselves in future.

The kicking or striking of an opponent is all too common and although referees have in the past done their duty by reporting incidents, their efforts have been nullified to a great extent by leniency on the part of the Emergency Council.

Illegal and dangerous play must be ruthlessly stamped out and any player sent off the field by a referee should be dealt with drastically by the Emergency Council.

### The Interiors

Although the matches against Manila did not produce a very high standard of football, the games were played under the most pleasant conditions.

## "Spring Double" Callovers

The first official Callovers on the "Spring Double"—the Lincolshire Handicap and the Grand National took place at the Victoria Club here today.

The prizes quoted were as follows:

The Lincolshire—18 to 1 Clonlara taken and offered, 22 to 1 Kinsale offered, 25 to 1 taken, 25 to 1 Crestup offered, 28 to 1 taken, 25 to 1 Flexton, Philadelphia and Providential, all offered, 28 to 1 Flipper taken and offered, 28 to 1 Commisar offered, 33 to 1 taken, 33 to 1 Patron Saint taken and offered, 33 to 1 Lucky Jordan offered, 40 to 1 Patchouly, Aigle Royal and Bees Gorse, all taken and offered, 40 to 1 Querne Ville offered, 50 to 1 Lord Nelson, Bellemick, All Red and Saladin, all taken and offered, 50 to 1 Donbar offered.

The Grand National—100 to 1 Ven Roimond taken and offered, 100 to 1 Howland Roy and Silver Frame, both taken and offered, 20 to 1 Revelly taken and offered, 22 to 1 Kinston taken and offered, 28 to 1 Weevil taken and offered, 33 to 1 Cloncarrio and Loughconn, both offered, 33 to 1 War Rink offered, 40 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Prince Regent, taken and offered, 40 to 1 First of the Dandies offered, 50 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Caughoo and Halsey Hous, both offered, 50 to 1 Lovely Cottage, Happy Home, House Warner and Jock, all offered.—Reuter.

### TEAMS

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club in their match against Sing Tao on Sunday on the Club ground at 4 p.m.:—

Leck, Strang and Strang; Ritchie, Forrow and Beck; Henderson, Weller, Redman, Mullen and Blackford.

The following have been selected to represent the Club and Eleven against H.K. Electric on Saturday at the Club ground (kick off 4 p.m.):—

MacKenzie, McCall, Taylor, Onager, Ritchie, Kennard, Gardner, Hamley, E. Fowler, Wyner and Barker.

### C.B.S. SPORTS

The annual Athletic sports of the Central British School are to be held on the School ground on Saturday, March 6th, starting at 2.00 p.m. Parents, former pupils, and friends are cordially invited to be present.

There will be events for Old Girls and Old Boys, at approximately 5.00 p.m.

### GOAL DOWN

London, Feb. 24. The goal output in Britain last week dropped more than 23,000 tons below the previous week's 194,800, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

## Talks—No Decisions

London, Feb. 24. The talks between Britain, the United States and France on the future of Western Germany, continued in London today without any decision being reached, a French Embassy spokesman stated tonight.

He refused to disclose further information, but said the talks were continuing on the meeting was published.—Reuter.

## H.K.'s Only Woman Cricketer?

In a friendly cricket game at Happy Valley the Medical Faculty beat the Rest of the University by 46 runs.

Miss Valerie Beecching, who has played cricket in England, turned up for the Rest team where she was seen behind the wickets and conceded only four byes.

THE REST  
Loke Hok Kong, b Koh, 1  
Ng Yew-wah, c Wood, b Lean, 1  
Honnson, b Vannar, 15  
Ho, b Koh, b Lean, 4  
Amann, b Koh, b Lean, 4  
Ng Jit, b Vannar, 11  
S.K. Cheong, c Lean, b Vannar, 11  
J.S. Sousa, c Lean, b Vannar, 11  
E. Low played out, b Vannar, 11  
V. Beecching, not out, 11  
W. Chan, b Vannar, 11  
Extras, 11

Total, 111

BOWLING  
O. M. R. W.  
Lean, 6 2 21 5  
Koh, 8 3 24 2  
Vannar, 5.5 1 14 5

MEDICALS  
T. Lo Jw, b Honson, 20  
T.C. Koh, c Amann, b Ng, 26  
T.C. Lean, b Honson, 10  
T.H. Leane Cheung, b Ho, 10  
S.F. Lum hit wicket, b Ho, 10  
S.A. Vannar, b Ng, 22  
Ponniash, b Ho, 10  
H.F. Chan, c Ng, b Ho, 2  
D. Chelliah, not out, 8  
John Woo, not out, 3  
Extras, 4

Total (for 4 wickets), 116

Koh Seow-peng did not bat.

BOWLING  
O. M. R. W.  
Ng, 8 0 34 2  
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Honnson, 7 1 31 2  
Amann, 2 0 7 0  
Ho, 6 2 19 4

Interest in English football this week centres mainly on the four cup-ties in the fifth round of the competition, and snow-bound grounds will make good football impossible and may occasion some surprise results.

When Don Roper was transferred to Arsenal, Day the Southampton right winger stepped into the first team and more than held his place, for it was his two goals, plus another effort from Wayman that enabled Southampton to beat Blackburn Rovers. They take the field with the great advantage of their home ground and it is more than likely that the red and white stripes of Southampton will appear in the Semi-final.

Of the northern representatives, Manchester United and Preston North End fight it out at the neutral Maine Road ground and although the United are favourites, the efforts of Finney, Macintosh, and Shankly (they got the goals at Portsmouth) will give the Manchester defence a hectic time.

Blackpool travel to Craven Cottage and as good as the Londoners are Fulham can hardly hope to dim the brilliance of Matthews and Mortenson. The last named collected two of the goals that eliminated Chelsea in Round four.

Park Rangers in London will severely test goalkeeper Allen's ability and it looks very as much though Derby's white shirt will again contest a semi-final.

When the whistles start these four games on Saturday, thousands of fans will have braved the ice and snow will experience the glorious uncertainty of cup-ties and be prepared for anything to happen.

HE INVENTED SHORTHAND

John Robert Gregg, 80, a native of Ireland, and inventor of the Gregg shorthand system, died on Monday.—Associated Press.

## Factory Owners Warned

The proprietors of two factories in Kowloon were warned by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday that a repetition of the offence would result in their being fined the maximum of \$1,000.

The Nam Wah Rubber Factory of 16 Bedford Road, ground floor, was fined \$500 for employing 17 women at 10.15 p.m. on Feb. 3. The same factory was fined \$100 on Feb. 18 for a similar offence, said Mr. V.C. Bond of the Labour Office.

A fine of \$450 was imposed on the proprietor of the Kam Shing Knitting Factory, 149 157 Fa Yuen Street, ground floor, for employing 59 female employees on the premises at 9.50 p.m. on Feb. 3.

Both defendants were warned by the Magistrate that they would be fined the maximum of \$1,000 if they appeared again.

The proprietor of the Lee Kwok Rubber Manufacturing Co., 27 Yuen Chow Street, was fined \$250 for employing 20 women at 10.10 p.m. on Feb. 3.

Mr. Bond, of the Labour Office, was the complainant in all cases.

## Hainan POW Camp War Trial

Allied POWs on Hainan Island were treated equally with Japanese soldiers in the way of food and work, Vice-Admiral Tahara Suzumi, heading the 18 alleged Japanese war criminals now on trial, told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

The hours of work were the same both for POWs and Japanese, Tahara stated. Some times the POWs had to do a little more and sometimes a little less. The work was not hard, he added.

The prisoners were not permitted to buy food from the Chinese villagers as a precaution against epidemics.

Tahara asserted that, feeling sorry for the prisoners, whom he saw picking up cigarette butts from his headquarters, he arranged for the distribution of cigarettes to the POWs.

Entertainment facilities, in the form of cards, movies, magazines and newspapers, were provided. Concerts and sports meetings were allowed, but because of lack of prizes, due to shortage of necessities, very few sports meets were held.

Some time in mid-1944, after the island was bombed from the air, these entertainments stopped. The case is proceeding.

## Hawked In "Foreign Territory"

Caught hawking in a "foreign" territory, 62-year-old Chung Chuk was fined \$35 by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Chung, charged with trading in Stanley Street, a place other than that specified on his licence, said he was on his way for his meal before going over to his Mongkok "pishi," when arrested.

Defendant told the Court that he went willingly with the constable to the Police Station. "No allegation was made against you," Mr. d'Almada retorted.

His wares were returned to Chung.

## GAMBLING DEN-RAIDED

As a result of a raid on a gambling den at Upper Station Street near Hollywood Road, \$268.50, the money seized, will go to the Poor Box.

Wong Hing, 389, charged with running a gambling joint was fined \$250, at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, while 18 gamblers were each fined \$15.

Defendants were playing "pai kau" when arrested by SCA officers.

A series of weekly lectures will be given by Dr. Baldwin Lee, of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association (English Section), on "Syllabus and Method in Our English Teaching." The first talk will be given in the hall of St. Paul's College, Kennedy Road, at 8.15 p.m. on March 4. An opportunity for discussion will be given at the end of each meeting.

## SINGAPORE AIR PORT

London, Feb. 24. A contract value at over £2,000,000 for the construction of a new civil airport at Changi, Singapore, has been given by the Air Ministry to Gammon (Malaya) Limited, a firm of Malayan civil engineers, it was announced in London today.

The contract is scheduled for completion within two years, Reuter.

## Battle Against Trachoma

Opened on Jan. 15, the Rotary Club-sponsored Anti-Trachoma Clinic treated 400 cases during the first month of its operation.

As a result of the many cases, the hours have been extended from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Previously, the hours were from noon to 2 p.m.

Patients came not only from the immediate neighbourhood of the Clinic (located at the Tai Kok Medical Centre in Shaukiwan), but also from other parts of the island and from the mainland.

Two cases came from Shek-long, a Chinese town near the Kowloon-Kwangtung border, and an inquiry was received from a trachoma patient in Macao.

The sponsors hope to establish one or more branch clinics in other parts of the Colony later.

To raise funds for the Community Service, the Rotary Club is scheduled to hold its annual ball on March 15 at the Hong Kong Hotel. Many attractions will be provided, fuller details of which will be announced later.

## U.S. Gold Exports

Washington, Feb. 24. The Department of Commerce reported that export of refined gold bullion during January, 1948 was 16,378 Troy ounces, including 11,986 ounces to French Indo-China and 2,127 to Yugoslavia.

Silver exports totalled 185,190 ounces, including 79,059 ounces to Brazil, 49,990 to the United Kingdom, and 32,076 ounces to Portugal.

Gold imports were 6,478,439 ounces, including 5,223,078 ounces from the United Kingdom, valued at \$182,809,000; 941,944 ounces from South Africa, valued at \$32,950,000 and 284,880 ounces from Belgium and Luxembourg, valued at \$9,970,000.

Silver imports were 3,492,746 ounces, including 2,720,545 from Mexico, 576,365 from Canada, 103,704 from Hong Kong and 55,103 from Switzerland.

Gold earmarked for January increased by \$15,000,000 to \$3,675,000,000.—Reuter.

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PAINTING EXHIBITION

Many local foreign and Chinese personalities, including members of the Consular Body, will be present at the preview this evening of an exhibition of paintings and calligraphy by Mr. Kam-Shek Kan.

The preview, which will be accompanied by a cocktail party, will be held at the St. Francis Hotel at 6 p.m. The official opening of the exhibition will be conducted by Lady Grantham, wife of the Governor, at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The proceeds of the exhibition will be donated to the Hong Dis. (General Hospital) for the Poor in Canton.

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## More Beef Illegally Imported

When Yau Man (26), farmer, and Chan Put (32), unemployed, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with importing 160 cattle of unstamped beef, Inspector J. Orem asked for a serious view to be taken.

He said that this type of offence had become increasingly prevalent of late, and that beef illegally imported from the Chinese territories was usually sold by unlicensed hawkers in the blackmarket.

Defendants were arrested at the K. C. R. Station at 1.15 p.m. on Feb. 24 with three big baskets of beef. They were unable to produce a permit.

The beef had been sent to the Slaughter House for examination by the Health Officer who certified it as good meat.

Defendants were fined \$500 (or four months' hard labour) each.

## "Opium Parade"

The "Opium Parade" turned up in full force yesterday at Central Magistrate's Court before Mr. F.X. d'Almada.

A \$900 fine or four months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Chuen, 38, unemployed, of No. 4 Ming Yan Lane, for keeping an opium divan.

Yiu Sing, 27, of No. 221 Des Voeux Road, West, first floor, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and recommended for banishment for keeping an opium divan and possessing heroin pills.

Tang Lien, 35, unemployed of an unnumbered hut in First Street, was remanded to March 3. He was charged with keeping an opium divan, possessing heroin pills and pipes.

Li Pook, 42, unemployed, of an unnumbered hut in First Street, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment for keeping an opium divan.

Twelve smokers were each fined \$25, while 14 had their bail extended for failing to appear in court.

## UNMANIFESTED CARGO

A large quantity of unmanifested goods were found on board the "Faishan" by Chinese Customs officers on Monday when the vessel reached Canton. The vessel was not detained and arrived back in Hong Kong yesterday.

Chinese press reports from Canton said that the contraband cargo seized consisted mostly of foreign medicine, including penicillin. Other items included watches, watch parts and suiting material.

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## Stuart Speech Called "Diplomatic Blunder"

Nanking, Feb. 25. Criticism of the "Message to the Chinese People" recently issued by Dr. Leighton Stuart, United States Ambassador to China, and in which he discussed the American aid programme, was voiced today by two official Chinese sources. One of these described the speech as a "diplomatic blunder."

The Government spokesman, Dr. Hollington Tong, replying to questions at a news conference, said: "With all due respect to Dr. Stuart's profound knowledge of educational ideas in China, I cannot but feel that he permitted himself to overstate the problem of intellectual non-cooperation with the Government."

Dr. Stuart's message contained references to the need for a "revolution of nationals and intellectuals" to produce essential reforms within China. Dr. Tong continued:

"Of course, China, like all countries, has many intellectuals who temperamentally are out of sympathy with its Government. They give us a yardstick by which to measure our achievements. But to assume from this that there is mass opposition to the Government is far-fetched."

"It is as inaccurate to assume that China is drifting toward the Left because many University students are repeating the familiar process of the young everywhere in criticising the present as to assume the United States is going Marxist, because there is a strong Socialist club at Harvard."

The second criticism came from the Kuomintang's Central Political Council, some of whose members described Dr. Stuart's message as a "diplomatic blunder." The Council discussed both his message and the rumours of a "negotiated peace" at its regular meeting.

Of peace possibilities, several members said: "Coalition with the Communists would expose China to the same Red domination as Hungary and Czechoslovakia, where the Communists who were invited to share in the transitional government were soon in complete power."—Associated Press.

"Faithful"

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